

Afro-American  
Baltimore, Maryland

# Mrs. Anderson New OES Grand Matron

WASHINGTON Lodge and past patron of Prince Hall Chapter, was elected grand patron, succeeding the Rev. Mr. Key.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District unanimously elected Mrs. Bertha C. Anderson of Washington grand matron in its sixty-fourth annual session, Friday, at Lincoln Temple Congregational Church, Eleventh and R Streets, Northwest.

Mrs. Anderson has been acting grand matron since last March 22, following the death of Grand Matron Pearl C. Getts. A native Washingtonian, Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of Armstrong High School and Howard University. In 1937, she received her master's degree from Columbia University and has also studied at New York University.

## Began as Typist

She began her career as a typist in government service, leaving there to accept a stenographer's position at Franklin School. After a short period there, she was subsequently recommended to become the personal secretary to the president of Miner Teachers' College.

She is now and has been instructor of commercial subjects at Cardozo High School for five years. She is also chairman of commercial subjects in the entire building. She is also active in religious, civic and sorority work in the nation's capital, being a member of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church since childhood.

She heads the church's auditing committee, is directress of the Baptist Training Union, has been secretary of the District Baptist Young People's Union Convention for fifteen years and is grammateus of the Beta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

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Dickerson, Grand Patron

Several hundred local Eastern Stars, representing the thirteen chapters in Washington, participated in the elections. The Rev. Melvin J. Key, retiring grand patron, presided. Ernest M. Dickerson, 1711 Eleventh Street, Northwest, past master of Social

Others elected are:

Mrs. Susie Wallace, past matron of Datcher Chapter, associate grand matron; Peter Phillips, past patron of Queen of Sheba Chapter, associate grand patron; Miss Mayme Stewart of Queen Esther Chapter, grand secretary, for the sixteenth consecutive term;

Mrs. Eva Lucas Brown, past matron of Prince Hall Chapter, grand treasurer for the fifteenth term, and Mrs. Louise E. Becks, grand conductress.

In the race for associate grand conductress, Mrs. Olive T. Nixon, past matron of Naomi Chapter, won over Past Matron Sadie T. Henson of Gethsemane Chapter and Past Matron Bertha P. Wall of Fidelity Chapter.

At the completion of the elections, the grand chapter presented a past grand patron's jewel to the Rev. Mr. Key.



ERNEST M. DICKERSON,  
grand worthy patron of D.C.,  
Eastern Stars.



MRS. BERTHA C. ANDERSON,  
grand worthy matron of D.C.,  
Eastern Stars.



Tuscaloosa, Ala. News  
March 23, 1941

## Negro Elks Here Form Marching Club

Exalted Ruler E. J. Wright of the Negro Elks announces that the marching club has been formed with Bill George Thompson as chairman of activities. The order is preparing for the state convention to be held at Decatur. Each year the local order represents one of the best units in the state.

The organization plans a series of activities for the purpose of raising funds. During this period a membership drive will be held. The next meeting will be held Monday night. All members are urged to attend.

Tuscaloosa, Ala. News  
May 18, 1941

## Negro Elks Plan Rally

Exalted Ruler E. J. Wright recently issued rally plans for the Oak City Lodge 816, Negro Elks. The purpose of the program is to create interest and stimulate attendance and to cause members to avail themselves of recreation facilities. Programs are planned each Thursday afternoon during the Summer.

Committees responsible for the rally will be appointed at the lodge meeting Monday night. Plans will be made Monday night to select a representative group to attend the national convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. A marching club will also be proposed. All members and especially reinstated members, are urged to attend the meeting.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times  
May 2, 1941

## COLORED ELKS OFFICIAL HAS CONFERENCE HERE

J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, colored fraternal organization, was here yesterday for several hours in conference with local officers of Armistice lodge 440 in their new quarters, 431 East Ninth street.

He left in the afternoon for Nashville to attend the week's celebration of the seventy-fifth year of the founding of Fisk university. He will be in attendance tonight at the recital by Roland Hayes, internationally known Negro tenor, who spent his early life here in Chattanooga.

Other local Negroes who leave today for the Nashville celebration are William H. Warren and wife, alumni

of the institution; Ludie David Collins, former Fisk Jubilee singer, and W. Bernell Davis, son of Dr. W. B. Davis, chairman of the colored Boy Scout organization.

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution  
May 17, 1941

## Negro Elks To Hold Anniversary Celebration

The colored Elks of Atlanta will celebrate their 36th anniversary

tomorrow afternoon at the Greater Wheat Street Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. B. J. Johnson will deliver the anniversary sermon. A mammoth parade will be staged before the program.

Durham, N. C., Morning Herald  
May 30, 1941

## NEGRO ELKS WILL STAGE BIG PARADE

Several Bands Secured For  
Event Today—Convention  
Ends With Dance

Delegates to the Negro Elk's State Convention being held here this will stage a parade today at 1 o'clock. They will assemble in formation at the North Carolina College for Negroes and come up Fayetteville Street to Pettigrew, through Pine to Main by way of Morris Street to the Durham Athletic Park.

Upon arrival at the park cash awards will be given to the best bands and marching units in the parade. Bands from Durham, Raleigh, Greenville, Washington, New Bern, Rocky Mount and Wilmington will participate, it was announced yesterday.

During the three-day session it has been estimated that approximately 2,000 Negro Elks have attended the ceremonies of the State organization.

Climaxing the program tonight will be the Elks ball at the City Armory where a colorful occasion is planned. Jimmie Gunn and his orchestra of Charlotte will furnish music for tonight's dance.

Last night's session was devoted to a memorial service held at the White Rock Baptist Church where Dr. J. E. Shepard and C. C. Spaulding were the principal speakers.

Durham County Negro Farm Agent J. C. Hubbard, president of the State organization is presiding over all sessions of the convention.

Durham, N. C., Morning Herald  
June 1, 1941

## State Negro Elks End Meeting Here

Colorful Parade And Ball Are Concluding Features Of  
Convention

Negro Elks attending the annual State convention here this week completed their three-day program Friday night with a ball at the City Auditorium with Jimmie Gunn of Charlotte furnishing the music.

Friday afternoon the delegates staged a colorful parade down Main Street from Fayetteville Street through Five Points to the Durham Athletic Park where awards were given to the bands and units in the parade. Drum majors and majorettes preceded the units in colorful dress and the usual gesticulations which go with bands on parade.

For more than half an hour the units in costume and color display poured through the streets toward the Athletic Park. It was said to be one of the largest parades ever staged in Durham.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times  
June 4, 1941

## NEGRO ELKS HEAR VISITING OFFICER

James Kelley Speaks on the  
Subject 'Making Men' at  
Armistice Lodge Here

"Making Men" was the theme of an address delivered by Grand Secretary James E. Kelley, Birmingham, head of the southern jurisdiction of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, at a meeting Monday night at 423 East Ninth street in Armistice Lodge 440 clubrooms.

Fifty-seven members were present to greet Secretary Kelley, whose visit here was unannounced. He told the organization "Negroes as a part of the American scheme of life need to make and develop more virile man power to cope with our present-day situation."

"Education for service in specific lines is paramount, and must be pursued. We cannot become top heavy with teachers of the three 'Rs' alone, nor with preachers, lawyers and doctors. We must have men trained to produce by brawn as well as brain," he said.

Secretary Kelley, following his address, held the semi-annual election of officers of the organization at the request of District Deputy Gilbert H. Moores. Those elected were Ludie David Collins, exalted ruler; G. J. Gordon, leading knight; Clifford Norman, esteemed loyal knight; C. White, esteemed lecturing knight; Alvin Clark,

esquire; Clifford Gordon, inner guard. of Uncle Mark Thrash, 120-year-old Negro. and Ed Slaughter, outer guard.

Prof. Albert Howell, of the colored high school at Kingsport, also addressed the body.

The grand secretary was taken on a tour of the city yesterday before leaving for Birmingham.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times  
June 15, 1941

## OLDEST U.S. PENSIONER TO JOIN COLORED ELKS

Uncle Mark Thrash, 120-year-old ex-slave, and the nation's oldest pensioner, will be inducted into the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, as a member of Armistice Lodge 440, Chattanooga, at 1:30 p.m. today.

The ceremony, scheduled to last approximately thirty minutes, will take place at Uncle Mark's Chickamauga park home.

A committee from the lodge visited Uncle Mark yesterday, and found him in bed, "resting up to get the grip tomorrow." In the past year the aged pensioner, who is recognized as the nation's oldest voter, has had trouble with his knees and spends much of his time sitting or reclining.

Elks and those who wish to join the motorcade to attend the ceremony will meet at the Elks' clubrooms, 423 East Ninth street, today at 12:30 p.m. to leave promptly at 1 o'clock. The general public is invited to be present at the ceremony.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times  
August 8, 1941

## NEGRO ELKS TO CONDUCT AN ORATORICAL CONTEST

James E. Kelley, Birmingham, grand secretary of the colored Elks, will be here Monday for the five-state regional oratorical contest to be held at the First Baptist church. The winner will represent Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama and Tennessee at the national convention of the order during the last week in this month in Atlantic City.

Grand Secretary Kelley will accompany President H. Council Trenholm, of the Alabama State Teachers' College for Negroes, in Montgomery, who is regional director. Kelley is the only national officer expected here.

The winner of the contest will receive a check for \$100 for expenses for the Atlantic City trip, and if successful there will receive \$150. He will also be certified to enter, after high school training, any college he wishes to attend, if it is approved by the Elks' Commission of Education. A scholarship of \$250 will be awarded, that will be extended on each succeeding year for four years upon approval of the commission.

Dr. W. A. Thompson, chairman of the local committee of Armistice Lodge 440, is in charge of the program which includes the appearance



The Northwest  
Enterprise  
Seattle, Washington

## J. Findley Wilson, National Leader Urges Negroes Fight To Blot Out America's Disgrace To Democracy

ney and Joe West.

Daily World  
Atlanta, Georgia

Grand Exalted Ruler, Dr. J. Findley Wilson, yielding to the pleas of Exalted Ruler E. R. Chainey, G. West, District Grand Deputy, and Assistant Grand Chaplain Rev. Fountain W. Penick, remained in Seattle to deliver a public address at Mt. Zion Baptist church, Tuesday night.

Rev. Fountain W. Penick introduced the speaker as one of the most outstanding statesmen of our race.

The dynamic orator, often referred to as "The Little Napoleon" opened his address with the declaration: I Am An American. Explaining the reason for postponing the March On Washington, Dr. Wilson said the leaders unanimously agreed there would be no disposition to hinder the president in his plea for a united America.

Reviewing the history of the Negro in the navy from the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War and the Spanish American war in which the Negro served with Admiral Dewey at Manila, he boldly assailed the present day naval officials for denying the plea of the black man to serve the navy in no other capacity save a messman.

Closing his address with a plea to Negroes was for a united front and to continue their fight for the right to work and live as well as to blot out America's disgrace to democracy from her shield of honor.

Dr. Findley Wilson left for Los Angeles, California, where he will preside over the deliberations of the Pacific Coast States Association which convenes in that city July 11. He was accompanied by Mr. Chaffin Mahlon, Seattle's only contestant for oratorical honors at the convention with \$1,000 to the winner, Mr. and Mrs. R. Chai-

## Elks Invest Large Sum In Education

### Nearly 40 Boys, Girls Helped By Organization

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Reporting an expenditure of nearly a half million dollars in its educational campaign, the IBPOE through the commissioner of education, Judge William C. Hueston said that nearly 40 boys and girls were being helped through white and colored schools through the medium of the fund.

To date, some 350 students have benefited by the program and the judge is proud of his former charges, which include a YWCA and a dean of a men's college in Texas.

Those now in schools include: Vera Allen, Thaddine D. Allen, Ira Allen, Michigan; Eloise Bailey, New York university; Helen Barnett Spellman; Lester Brown, Howard; Fannie Wooden, NYU; Samantha Chenault, Andrea Ellis, Hampton; Virginia Foster, Bennett; Helen Howard, CCNY; Mary Jamison, North Carolina State; Muriel King, Virginia State; William J. King, Talladega; Beulah Miller, Indiana State; Charles S. Mores, Kent college, Ohio; William T. Patrick, Howard; Fern Roberts, Dillard; Frances Smith, University of California; June Story, Spellman; Dorothy Miller, University of Illinois; Helen Todd, Spellman; Winona Turner, Wilberforce; Vivalea Rodgers, Wisconsin; Eunice Cisco, St. Frances de Sales, Virginia; Edward Sparrows, Fayetteville Teachers college, N. C.; Erniss J. Wilson, Howard; Alma Walley, Wilberforce; Juanita Willis, Alabama State; Vera Wooden, Bethune Cookman; Dorothy Whalen, Be-

thune Cookman; Ashton Robinson, Howard; Warren Alston, Lincoln, Pa.; Drusilla Warren, Talladega; Mary Norcum, Fisk; Walter Daniels, Johnson C. Smith, and Vera Cummings, Bennett.

Funds for this project are raised in various manners, some through the oratorical contests sponsored by the Elks. But according to the deserving student upon application to the commissioner is eligible for assistance by the body.

## Journal and Guide Norfolk, Virginia Commissioner Of Education Makes Report

Over 350 Youths  
Given Assistance  
In Past 14 Years

WASHINGTON, L. C. — The Elks Lodge has spent nearly a half million dollars on the education of

young men and women since the organization began awarding scholarships under the leadership of J. Findley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, 14 years ago, according to the recent report of Judge William C. Hueston, commissioner of education for the order, issued here.

About 40 boys and girls are being helped through white and colored schools by the Elks' educational fund at present, the report showed. To date, some 350 students have received aid, the judge said.

Practically all of them have made good and the judge is proud of his former charges. They include a YWCA executive and a dean of a men's college in Texas.

### FIRST AWARD IN 1927

The educational department was established at the grand lodge session in Richmond, Va., in 1925. Plans were made for an oratorical contest, the winner of which would receive substantial scholarships to aid them in their college training. The first contest was held in the spring of 1927 and the first award made.

Since that time, students from all over the nation have participated in the fund. Several Virginians have been successful contestants including those from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Alexandria.

According to the commissioner aid from the fund is not limited to winners in the annual oratorical contest. Any deserving and promising student upon application is eligible for assistance by the order.

### REPRESENT 23 SCHOOLS

Twenty-three colleges and universities are represented by students being aided by the fund for the present school year. They include:

Vera Allen, Thaddine D. Allen, Ira Allen, Michigan; Eloise Bailey, Helen Barnett Spellman; Lester Brown, Howard; Fannie Wooden; New York University; Samantha Chenault, Andrea Ellis, Hampton; Virginia Foster, Bennett; Helen Howard, CCNY; Mary Jamison, North Carolina; Muriel King, Virginia State; William J. King, Talladega; Beulah Miller, Indiana State.

Charles E. Mores, Kent college, Ohio; William T. Patrick, Howard; Fern Roberts, Dillard; Frances Smith, University of California; June Story, Spellman; Dorothy Miller, University of Illinois; Helen Todd, Spellman; Winona Turner, Wilberforce; Vivalea Rodgers, Wisconsin; Eunice Cisco, St. Frances de Sales, Virginia.

Edward Sparrows, Fayetteville Teachers college, N. C.; Erniss J.

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New York Age

New York, N. Y.

## City's Negro Pythians To Observe Anniversary

Music will be furnished by the Parker High School and Lincoln School bands.

The uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias and the Ladies Drill Corps will form part of the parade under the direction of Brig. Gen. G. S. Norman and staff.

The thanksgiving services will be held at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, opening at 3:30 p.m.

Oscar W. Adams, of Birmingham, is now supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and all effects of this office are being moved to Birmingham where the headquarters for the organization are located in the Pythian Temple.

A number of Grand Lodge and Supreme Lodge officers will attend the services Sunday, when Dr. D. F. Thompson, pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, delivers the annual message.

Friends are invited.

The public is invited to a debate at the Parker High School at 8 p.m. Thursday when the Eliza Miller High School of Helena, Ark., meets the local school, on the topic: "Resolved: That the power of the federal government should be increased."

Last year, in its first effort of debating other schools, Parker High broke even in a dual encounter with Washington High School of Atlanta.

Speakers for Parker High are Johnnie Forte, Albert Barringer and Elizabeth Adams, Louis Jackson, Victor Power and Blanche Jackson, will represent the Miller High School.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

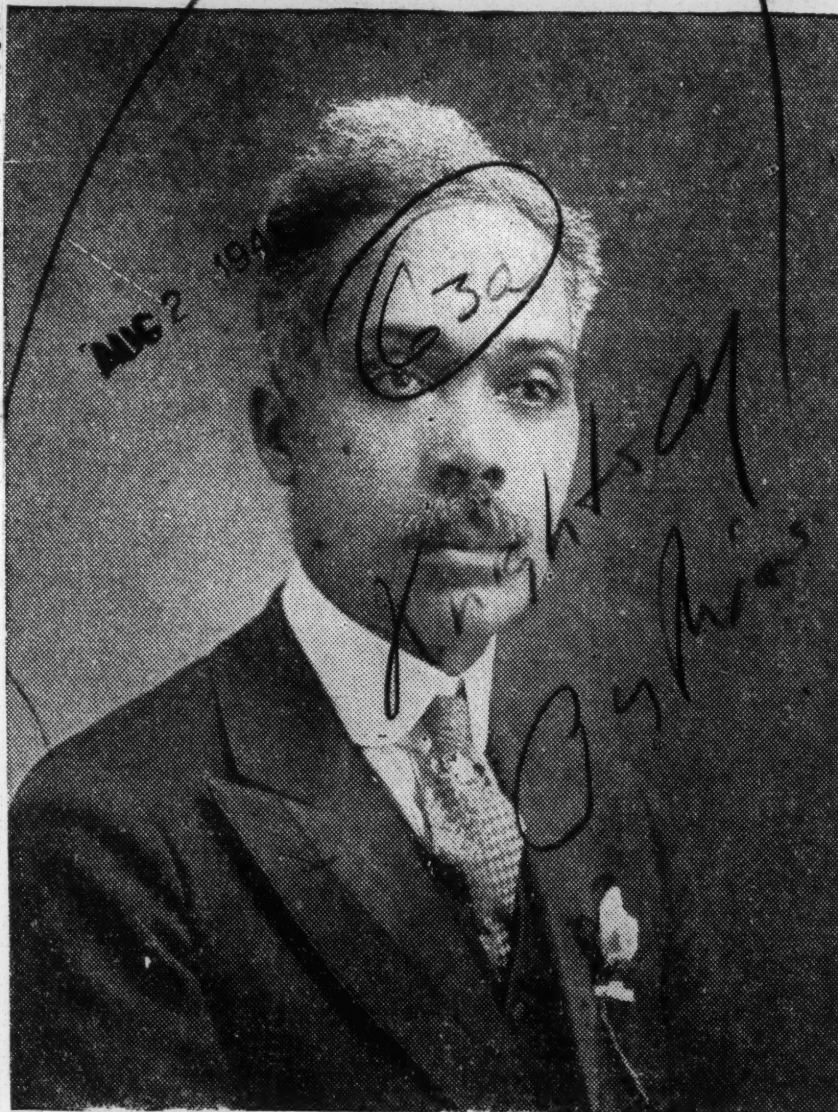
Birmingham, Ala. News  
August 24, 1941

## Colored K. Of P. Moves Its Headquarters Here

CHICAGO — Withlection of Oscar W. Adams, Birmingham, as supreme chancellor of the Colored Knights of Pythias, headquarters of the supreme lodge officially moved to Birmingham, Ala.

The national convention of the lodge and of the supreme court of the Order of Calanthe closed Friday in Chicago, sending 482 delegates back to their homes. Louisville will entertain the convention in August, 1943. W. D. Crawley, Chicago, was named supreme vice chancellor.

# Retires As Head Of Knights Of Pythias



Sir LEE CRAWFORD, Grand Chamberlain Emeritus  
New York Age

New York, N. Y.

## B. Franklin Bundy Elected Grand Chancellor Of K. of P. As Successor To Lee Crawford

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—The fifty second annual convention of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias and Pride of Hope Grand Court Order of Calanthe, N. A., S. A., E. A. A. & A. O. G. T. of New York State was held at League Hall, 24 Brook street, July 20-25.

B. Franklin Bundy of LeRoy, N. Y., was unanimously elected Grand Chancellor succeeding Lee Crawford of New Rochelle who has presided over the Knights of Pythias of the State for the past thirty five years. Grand Chancellor Bundy, who until his election was Grand Vice-Chancellor, is well known for his civic and fraternal activities and lives in LeRoy, N. Y. Sir Lee Crawford who served the order for thirty five years was not a candidate for reelection because of ill health, but was elected by acclamation Grand Chancellor Emeritus. Mrs. Rosa L. Blocker, was reelected Grand Worthy Counsellor of Pride of

Hope Grand Court O. O. C.

Other Grand Lodge and Grand Court officers were: James E. Greene, G. V. C.; William J. Best, G. P.; W. Galter Derham, G. M. E.; Ulysses S. Scott, G. K. R. S.; J. Preston Cumberbatch, G. S. T., R. F. D.; George E. Coles, G. M. A.; Dr. C. P. McClendon, G. M. R.; Harold W. Clark, G. L., D. P.; Henry DeJan, G. A.; Peter S. Jackson, G. M.; Lee Lewis, G. I. G.; Levi Briggs, G. O. G. Trustees, B. F. Butler, W. W Fletcher and Arthur Elliott.

Also Mesdames Edith H. Brown, G. R. D. T.; Mattie E. Bailey, G. W. I.; Eliza Grant, G. W. I.; Anna G. Martin, G. W. O.; Ethel J. Minton, S. T. E. D; Emma Derham, S. G. W. D.; Florence Malone, J. G. W. D.; Lelia V. Jackson, G. W. C.; Teresa Woodson, A. G. W. D.; Anna B. Borden, G. W. L.; Marie Seers, G. H.; Carrie Ware, G. P.; Dr. Hyacinth Davis, G. M. R.; Grace Gordon, G. W. J. M.; Estelle Foot, G. W. A.; Viola Harris, G. E. Trustees Mesdames Mary E. Johnson, Margaret Driggs, Rose Peyton.

The religious services were held Sunday at the Shiloh Baptist Church. A short address was delivered by Harold W. Clark, Grand Lecturer, and Rev. William H. Slater pastor delivered the sermon. Music was by the choir and Gaillee Girls Glee Club.

The public session was held Monday evening at St. Catherine A. M. E. Zion Church, where Mayor Stanley W. Church and Judge Thomas N. Passo were guest speakers. Other speakers were: B. Franklin Bundy, G. C.; Rosa L. Blocker, G. W. C.; J. B. Bullock, J. Preston Cumberbatch, Samuel J. Davis, Mesdames Bessie Henrie and Rose Peyton. Solos were rendered by Miss Katherine Graves and Miss Emma Lue Jackson, accompanied by Mrs. Ethel J. Minton. Dramatic readings were given by Mrs. Mattie Goodlett and Miss Ethel Millner. Dr. C. P. McClendon was master of ceremonies and Mrs. Clara C. Jackson, chairman of the program committee, assisted by Mr. Dock Robinson.

Miss Calanthy M. Caldwell was crowned Miss Calanthy by Mrs. Rosa L. Blocker at the Queen's Contest held Tuesday evening at Bethesda Baptist Church.

The 1942 Convention will be held

Globe and  
Independent  
Nashville, Tenn.

**Supreme Chancellor**

~~AUG 29 1941~~



Sir George W. Adams, newly elected Supreme Chancellor of Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. He is also the Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the State of Alabama. He filled out the unexpired term of the former Supreme Chancellor and now begins a full term of his own. This honor came to him at the recent session of the Supreme Grand Lodge that just closed in Chicago, Ill.



# What Negroes Are Doing

BY OSCAR W. ADAMS

The fifty-fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge, Order of Knights of Pythians of the jurisdiction of Alabama, is now a matter of history.

The meeting opened here Tuesday morning on the sixth floor of the Pythian Temple, and closed Wednesday evening after one of the most successful sessions within a quarter century.

Delegates and members representing every section of the state were present.

At the same time the Calanthe Court, women's branch of the Pythians, reorganized, and elected officers.

The feature of the meeting was the address and report of the grand chancellor and report of the committee on laws and supervision. The committee presented a resolution to conform with the orders of the insurance department, putting the insurance contracts of the order on an adequate basis.

Reports showed that during the last 90 days the organization had made substantial progress in the increase of membership by initiation and reinstatement.

The Grand Lodge adopted resolutions from the board of directors and board of endowment endorsing the administration for its work during the last fraternal year. A special campaign was launched for bringing in members.

Program of welcome was rendered Tuesday night at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, when many outstanding citizens took part, and a banquet followed the same night on the sixth floor of the Pythian Temple.

Officers elected are Oscar W. Adams, Birmingham, grand chancellor; R. A. Ross, Montgomery, grand vice chancellor; J. H. Magwood, Birmingham, grand keeper of records and seal; E. G. Moore, Birmingham, grand master of exchequer; A. L. Davenport, Birmingham, grand master at arms; Will McGee, Bessemer, grand outer guard; W. H. Stover, Birmingham, grand inner guard; Dr. A. S. Mitchell, North Birmingham, grand medical registrar; L. J. Lewis, Birmingham, past grand chancellor.

Board of directors consists of Sylvester Pears of Mobile; J. R. Wingfield, Mount Meigs; E. B. Clarke, Gadsden; A. W. West, Montgomery; W. A. Martin, Auburn; A. L. Gaines, Birmingham; H. D. Morris, Brundidge; Jesse Harris, Opelika, and A. J. Robinson, Birmingham.

Board of Endowment: George Dobbs, Birmingham; George W. Toliver, Bessemer; David Kelley, Huntsville; H. Strawbridge, Birmingham, endowment secretary-treasurer.

Supreme Representatives: Oscar W. Adams, A. G. Benning, E. G.

Moore and L. J. Lewis, of Birmingham.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Samuel D. Hawkins, F. C. Lawton and Leslie E. Marshall, of Birmingham.

Officers of the Grand Court Order of Calanthe: Mrs. Epsie J. Wood, Birmingham, grand worthy counsellor; Mrs. Lucy Broughton, Mobile, G. W. inspectrix; Mrs. Marina Autrey, Evergreen, grand orator; Mrs. M. Louise Kilpatrick, G. R. of deeds; Miss Mattie B. Rowe, recorder of accounts; Mrs. Adline Thomas, senior directress; Mrs. Eula D. Murray, junior directress; Mrs. Alice Beavers, conductress; Mrs. Geneva Herring, Hartselle, assistant conductress; Mrs. Ella E. Adams, grand escort; Mrs. Rosa Kellogg, herald; Mrs. Eva Perry, grand protector; Mrs. Thelma Green, grand lecturer.

Board of Directors: Mrs. M. A. Williams, Mobile, chairman; Mrs. Jennie Carter, Mount Hebron; Mrs. Mittie C. Pitts, Mrs. Mattie Banks and Mrs. Thelma Green, of Birmingham.

The Grand Lodge changed the date of its annual meeting from the first Tuesday in August to the fourth Tuesday in June and adjourned after installation of officers for Pythians by Sir James E. Kelley, and Mrs. Mittie C. Pitts for the Court of Calanthe. The place of the next meeting was left to the grand chancellor to decide.



Amsterdam News  
New York, N. Y.

# Masonic Dignitary Deplores Laziness And Thriftlessness Among Negroes

BALTIMORE, Md. — Masons from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York filled the auditorium of Bethel A.M.E. Church here Sunday when the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for Maryland sponsored a meeting in celebration of the 78th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The main speaker on that occasion was Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, who in elaborating on his subject, "What Must the Negro Do to Be Free?" deplored thriftlessness and laziness in the race.

"We must divorce from our minds the false conception that all of our difficulties as far as progress is concerned," the noted cleric declared, "begin on the outside and not from within our own ranks. The first step which the Negro must take in his fight for freedom, is the full realization of his wretched and unfinished condition."

Bishop Shaw, who was recently appointed resident bishop of the Baltimore area for the Methodist Church, continued that because there are few "all-Negro jobs," Negroes are in a more difficult economic situation than at any other period in the history of America.

There are 150,000 Negroes in Baltimore," the clergyman concluded, "enough to make a city within itself. Yet here we do not have one Negro-owned and operated banking institution. The real solution to the race problem and the true emancipation of the race is to outwork the other fellow and excel in excellence."

Others who gave short addresses included Thomas Young, representing Mayor Howard Jackson; Dr. Dwight Holmes, president of Morgan State College; U. S. Senator George Radcliffe; Dr. Francis Wood, director of Colored Schools here; George B. Murphy of the local Housing Authority; a state official representing Gov. O'Connor; Elmer A. Henderson, Theodore R. McKeldin, Judge William H. Lawrence, former Mayor William F. Broening, the Revs. A. J. Payne and J. E. Reese.

Music was furnished by the Morgan State College Chorus under the direction of Violet S. Banks, and Mrs. Edna Over Gray. Willard W. Allen, Most

Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons for the Southern Jurisdiction, presided, while Bishop Monroe N. Davis of the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church introduced the main speaker.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times  
April 14, 1941

## NEGRO MASONS MARCH TO EASTER RITES HERE

Three hundred Negroes of the uniform rank and various lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, marched from their hall at 411 East Ninth street to the Union Grove Baptist church in South Chattanooga yesterday afternoon for their annual Easter sermon.

The program, under the direction of Grand Master F. L. Brewster, and masters of local subordinate lodges was the most successful "we have held in five years," the grand master said.

Other activities among the colored group included special services in various churches, and at Second Baptist church, located in the College Hill Courts project, the Rev. Woodrow Wilson Taylor, pastor, a program was in effect all day.

This church, aside from its regular former membership before the construction of the courts, serves a large number of the 497 families that live there.

Speakers from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People appeared in most of the churches throughout the city and county, urging attendance at the concert to be given by the "Wings Over Jordan" singers in Memorial auditorium, Friday night, under the association's sponsorship.

Dr. P. A. Stephens, president, in speaking at Stanley chapel Methodist church yesterday morning, said, "these singers of spirituals and songs of human touch are one of the finest assets to the Negro race we have today in the cultural field, and I hope our people and the white people of this community will avail themselves

of the opportunity to hear them. The proceeds will go for the association's promotion charity fund, he stated.

Lincoln park, while not officially opened for the season, was used yesterday for a baseball game between the Green Derby All-Stars and the Chattanooga Monarchs. They are a part of the colored Industrial league. The Derbies defeated the Williams-Voris Fort Cheatham of the league, in Fort Cheatham, by a score of 13-0, and in the game yesterday emerged winners 8-6.

Colored workers who had the day off took advantage of this year's pretty weather to wear their Easter costumes and until far into the night East and West Ninth street establishments were crowded to capacity.

## News Birmingham, Ala. Hendley Is Re-elected Head Of Masons' Unit

SELMA, Ala. — The sixty-third session of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, Prince Hall Affiliation, closed here Thursday morning. Charles V. Hendley, Huntsville, Ala., with headquarters in Birmingham, was re-elected by acclamation to the office of grand master, and his entire staff reelected.

The next meeting will be held in Mobile, Ala., the third Tuesday in July, 1942. Reports of membership showed substantial progress with a membership of 11,285 and 443 active lodges.

A number of distinguished visitors were present, representing national organizations. Among them were Charles E. Stewart, Portsmouth, Va.; John Wesley Dobbs, Georgia, and Oscar W. Adams, supreme chancellor of Knights of Pythias.

It was announced at this meeting that the Alabama Grand Lodge of Negroes, is the largest Grand Lodge of any in the United States.

## NEGRO GRAND LODGE SESSIONS IN SELMA

SELMA, July 19. — (Special.) — Largest attendance of the last 10 years marked the 63rd annual session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., operated by the Negroes of Alabama. Delegates and pastmasters from all sections of the state constitute the group more than 1000 strong, which has been meeting during the last week in the First Baptist Church, in Selma-st. Four hundred and 29 lodges responded to the call.

Among those present were Dr. Charles E. Stewart, of Portsmouth, Va.; John W. Dobbs, Grand Master, Masonic Order of the State of Georgia; Oscar Adams, Grand Chancellor of Alabama and Supreme Chancellor of the Order of Knights of Pythias of Negroes; Dr. J. R. Wingfield, president of the Alabama State Training School for Negro Boys; P. D. Davis, Past Grand Secretary of the Order; and Jim Byrd, Past Deputy Grand Master.

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Chicago, Illinois

## MASONS CLOSE 63RD SESSION IN ALABAMA

### Decade's Best Delegation Re-elects Hendley As Grand Master

SELMA, Ala. — The Masonic fraternity of Prince Hall-affiliation headed by Charles V. Hendley, closed its sixty-third session here Wednesday, July 15.

The address of the grand master and the reports from every department of the Order showed substantial progress.

The meeting opened Tuesday when 182 delegates answered roll call. It was the largest and most representative delegation of the Grand Lodge during the past decade.

Highlights of the meeting were addresses by Grand Master Hend-

ley, Endowment Secretary Fred C. Jenkins, Grand Secretary H. C. Ball, Grand Treasurer A. H. Williams, Endowment Treasurer E. H. Belsaw and the reports of the auditing committee of the Grand Lodge department and auditor of the endowment department, William H. Carter.

Less than five years ago, the Masons of Alabama had a membership of little more than 6,000. Reports at the session just closed showed a membership in the endowment department of 11,285 and the collections for the past fraternal year in endowment department, \$1,647.98. All departments of the Order showed a substantial balance.

### Lodge Of Sorrow

An outstanding feature during the session was the memorial service Tuesday when 201 members who had died during the year, were memorialized.

### Officers Re-elected

Hendley who comes from Huntsville was re-elected grand master; Ligon A. Wilson, Snow Hill, deputy grand master; A. P. Mack, Tuskegee institute, grand senior warden; J. Q. Pinkney, Mobile, grand junior warden; H. C. Bell, Montgomery, grand secretary; A. H. Williams, Union Springs, grand treasurer; Fred C. Jenkins, Birmingham, grand endowment secretary; Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Mobile, grand endowment treasurer; Dr. A. B. McKenzie, Tuscaloosa, grand medical registrar; H. C. Trenholm, grand trustee; Dr. A. W. West, Montgomery, grand trustee; Dr. H. C. Fearn, Huntsville, grand trustee;

William H. Carter, Tuskegee institute, grand auditor; E. D. Womack, grand chaplain; E. G. Humphrey, Montgomery, grand lecturer; J. C. Collier, Mobile, grand orator; J. S. Comer, Eustula, grand marshal; W. L. Harris, Montgomery, grand standard bearer; A. C. Elmore, Matthews, grand sword bearer; J. N. Kirkland, Birmingham, senior deacon; W. E. Patton, Meridianville, junior deacon; W. L. Johnson, Salem, senior steward; Britton Drake, Auburn, junior steward; D. C. Jackson, Mobile, grand pursuivant; and Robert A. Ross, Montgomery, grand taylor.

The Grand Lodge will meet in Mobile, Ala., in July 1942.



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# **'JABBERWACK' FUND WILL AID STUDENT**

"Jabberwack," annual variety show of Delta Sigma Theta, Knoxville Negro sorority, has built up a large following in the three years it has been given, and this year it will be staged for a worthy purpose, with the financial proceeds from it being placed in a scholarship fund.

The money will go toward paying the tuition for some worthy junior woman student at Knoxville College in her senior year.

The show, featuring acts prepared by 10 leading Knoxville Negro clubs and organizations, will be given this year in the Lyric Theater, March 28, beginning at 8 p. m.

Admission prices will be 50, 35, 25 and 15 cents, with a special section being reserved for white patrons.

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# SCHOOL FRATERNITIES

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Atlanta, Georgia

## Greek Letter Groups Take Action Against Jim Crow

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Flares of jim crowism against was held with Mr. Johnson, but visitors at the Fred Harvey Lunch-an A. K. A. committee was appointed to assist in necessary follow-up Mo., during the Tri-Conventions work.

immediately brought about an investigation by the three Greek-letter organizations through a joint committee. The incident occurred Sunday evening, December 28th shortly after arrival of a special train of delegates.

A committee from the two fraternities held a conference with Lowel Johnson, Commerce building, Kansas City, legal representative of the Fred Harvey System. Mr. Johnson, while denying that he had any control of the policies as practical in Kansas City, did promise the committee that he would take the matter up with the Chicago office.

Members of the committee, left to right, Raymond Pace Alexander, Philadelphia, chairman of the Alpha committee; Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago, Kappa; the Rev. D. A. Holmes, Kansas City, Kappa; Judge Myles A. Paige, New York, Alpha; Carl R. Johnson, Kansas City, Kappa; Theophilus Mann, Chicago Kappa; and Judge Armond W. Scott Washington, Kappa.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Boul had adjourned when the conference

### Tribune Philadelphia, Pa. Sigmahas Honor Carver; Elect Atlanta Head JAN 9 1941

### Dr. R. A. Billings Gets Highest Post At Tuskegee Convention

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (ANP)—"Bigger and Better Negro Business," slogan of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, was the spearhead in discussions at the 26th annual conclave which ended here last Monday.

The conclave also passed resolutions condemning firms that refuse to employ Negroes although holding national defense contracts and asked for Negroes in the navy, marine and air force along with a proportionate employment of Negro nurses.

In words of welcome, as the conference started Friday, Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee insti-

tute, reminded the delegates that "for Sigma Fraternity" more than a decade all of our fraternities have been placing less emphasis upon social features and directing more of their attention to programs which will better help to integrate the upsurge of trained Negro youth into the economic structure of the country."

George W. Lawrence, Chicago attorney and national president of Sigma, said that "we have come to this institution founded by the immortal Booker T. Washington to record our progress, observe trends affecting our race and to outline a program for a bigger and better Sigma."

### UPHOLDS SIGMA PROGRAM

Every fraternity has a slogan and a program. I am not ashamed of the work done by our department fostering bigger and better business," Mr. Lawrence declared. "The founder and first director, James A. Jackson, is still the authority on Negro business and so recognized by the Standard Oil company. Gideon, his protege, ranks with young business leaders. The members of Phi Beta Sigma have organized more than 50 percent of all of the Negro chambers of commerce in this country; and today Chicago is literally plastered with signs 'this store is fair to Negro Business,' 'Business is the Negro's First Line of Defense,' 'Patronize this Store,' all as a result of the work of the Bigger and Better Committee of the Chicago Chapter of the Phi Beta

Other resolutions adopted recommended the raising of a special fund to be appropriated in support of agencies seeking to advance the interests of the Negro through federal and state legislation, and extension of the functions of the commercial counselor to include stimulation of vocational education and support of "Negro business and any business which employs Negroes."

### MEMORIAL FOR MOTON

Sunday at Tuskegee was a day of reverence for the Sigma delegates. Following the Sunday morning chapel service, the delegates went in a body to the grave of Booker T. Washington where, with appropriate words of tribute, President Lawrence placed a wreath upon the grave.

In the evening the vesper hour at Tuskegee Institute was given over to a memorial service to Dr. R. R. Moton, Tuskegee's second president and an active member of Sigma.

The concluding day was called a "Carver Session." At this time Dr. George W. Carver, noted chemist, delivered an address and was presented a book of autographs of all visiting Sigma men. The twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will meet in Philadelphia, December 27-30, 1941.

Newly elected officers are as follows: Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta, Ga., national president; Dr. Felix Brown,

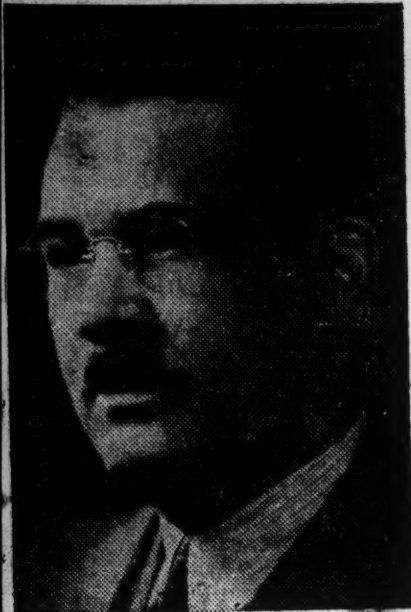
Richmond, Va., national vice president; A. A. Austin, New York City, secretary-treasurer; W. C. Lester, Tuskegee, Ala., editor of The Crescent; L. W. Brown, Richmond, Va., director, Bigger and Better Business; Horace Johnson, Chicago, junior national vice president; James A. Jackson, New York City, commercial counselor.

Sigma social diversions opened on Friday night with the Pan-Hellenic dance in Logan Hall and concluded with the Sigma Ball on Monday night. Other features included breakfasts and bridge parties for visiting Sigma women at the residences of Mrs. C. W. Kelly, Mrs. A. P. Mack of the institute, and Mrs. H. F. Davis of the Veterans' facility.

Gamma Sigma chapter at Tuskegee was host to the conclave and the following committee chairmen were responsible for the arrangements: Housing, A. P. Mack; programs, W. C. Lester; ball, F. L. Drye; finance, W. B. Wrenn; press, A. L. Holsey; sight-seeing, J. W. Maddox; smoker, E. W. Ramsey; banquet, W. B. Wrenn; public meetings, William Wiley; ladies entertainment, Mrs. W. A. Clark; executive, Edmund H. Burke; editorial, T. H. Moton; and secretary, Dr. George W. Carver.

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bounded hospitality with which Kansas City greeted its guests, the Kappas, the Alphas and the AKA's verbal expressions indicated the belief that this was one of the best convocations the fraternity has ever held.

Kappa men were particularly active in the arrangements for the entertainment of the three Greek letter societies which held their boules here this Christmas time, and which all of the visitors voted as unsurpassed in their convention experience.

The huge Kansas City Municipal auditorium, with its perfect appointments for large meetings, had been turned over to the Greeks for the week. As a visitor entered the lobby, a large information booth with a half dozen young women on duty was ready to serve. Elevators fully staffed were ready to whisk members of the various fraternities to the floors where their headquarters were or where meetings were scheduled.

Alpha Kappa Alpha occupied the fourth floor, while Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi shared the fifth floor. Auditoriums for meetings, offices, switchboard facilities, lunch room, everything a frater could wish for was on tap for the visiting fraternal folk. Outside the gathering place, hospitality was truly at its zenith.

Kansas City noted as one of the most active social centers in the country at Yuletide, had opened its arms even wider than usual. Only a miracle man could have kept up with the procession of dinners, before parties, after get-togethers and breakfasts which adorned the social calendar. Open

# SCOTT HEADS KAPPAS FOR 3RD TIME; 200 FRATERS AT MEET

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## Artis, Indianapolis Housing Head, Awarded The Laurel Wreath

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 9—(ANP)—James E. Scott, of Washington, grand polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, was elected to serve his third term at the 30th annual Kappa conclave held here last week. With more than 200 members of the fraternity present to enjoy the un-

house was the rule, the Kappa hosts held their annual two Kansas Cities.

Artis Gets Laurel Wreath

Lionel F. Artis of Indianapolis, where he is manager of excellently conducted low-cost housing project in that city, was the recipient of the Kappa laurel wreath this year. The presentation of the laurel wreath, the highest award in the fraternity, was made by Grand Polemarch James E. Scott. Looking on were two former recipients of the award, Judge Armond Scott of Washington and Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins of Chicago as were four past grand polemarchs: W. Ellis Stewart, Earl B. Dickerson and Theophilus Mann of Chicago and J. Jerome Peters of Tuskegee.

Attorney Scott was reelected Kappa polemarch for his third term at the final session of the conclave Tuesday night, Dec. 31. Other officers elected were Louis Orr, St. Louis, senior vice grand polemarch; Orville Jones, University of Nebraska, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer; Donald L. Hollowell, Lane college, Jackson, Tenn., grand strategus; J. Elmas Escoe, University of Kansas, grand lieutenant strategus; Girard T. Bryant, Kansas City, grand historian.

Members of the board of directors in addition to the officers, are Gloster Current, West Virginia State college; James Anderson, Wichita, and Victor Hickerson, Detroit.

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## Kappamen From 25 States Converge on Kansas City

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ALABAMA: Alan M. Smith, Tuskegee; Dr. J. Jerome Peters, Tuskegee.

ARKANSAS: Dr. W.P.M. Browne, Pine Bluff; Percy Young, Pine Bluff.

CALIFORNIA: Reginald L. Williams, Los Angeles.

COLORADO: Charles R. Cousins, Denver; Jack C. Bradley, Denver; Charles Albert Lynch, Denver.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Louis R. Meblinger, Washington; Geo. A. Campbell, Washington; J. Robert Lawson, Washington; James M. Coggs, Washington; Theodore W. Coggs, Washington; Edgar G. Brown, Washington; Leroy H. Woodson, Washington; John W. Clark, Washington; James E. Scott, Washington; Gorham L. Black, Washington; Armond W. Scott, Washington.

GEORGIA: Ray Ware, Athens; William E. Pullen, Atlanta; Albert C. Spurlock, Atlanta; A. A. Reid, Atlanta.

ILLINOIS: John E. Hines, Chicago; J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., Chicago; De Franz A. Williams, Chicago; Louie F. Orr, East St. Louis; Frank M. Summers, East St. Louis; Charles C. Luck, Chicago; Charles A. Wilson, Chicago; Jesse A. Reid Jr., Chicago; Philip P. Harris, Batavia; Clynnell Jackson, Chicago; Paul Matthews, Chicago; A. M. Gassoway, Chicago; Franzida D. Alexander, Cairo; John R. Ritchie, Springfield; Olaud Holman, Chicago; Arnold W. Cisco, Jerseyville; John P. Edelen, Chicago; Joseph Smith, Chicago; Edgar W. Hatcher, Chicago; Locamin Hall, Chicago; Benjamin H. Crockett, Chicago; Charles Rodger Wilson, Chicago; C. Leon Wilson, Chicago; W. Ellis Stewart, Chicago; James H. Jones, Chicago; J. Ernest Wilkins,

Chicago; Robert E. Lewis, Chicago; Joseph E. Snowden, Chicago; C. Smith Hawkins, Chicago; Otis M. Buckner, Chicago; F. W. Reese, Chicago; Fabian E. DeFrantz Jr., Chicago; Clifford E. Phillips Jr., Chicago; Julius L. Morgan, Chicago; Thomas E. Huster, Chicago.

INDIANA: Alvin C. Cox, Indianapolis; Fabian E. DeFrantz Sr., Indianapolis; Herman H. Clay, Gary; Lionel F. Artist, Indianapolis.

IOWA: Harry Hanfrefx, Ft. Madison; Richard A. Dobson Jr., Sioux City; Matthew Johnson, Des Moines; James B. Morris Jr., Des Moines.

KENTUCKY: James B. Brown, Frankfort; R. S. Stout, Louisville.

KANSAS: James E. Anderson, Wichita; Robert H. Blanchard, Wichita; Harold Arthur Wright, Pittsburg; Curtis Burton, Topeka; Chas. M. Stokes, Topeka; Arthur D. Clark, Topeka; Elisha Scott Jr., Topeka; James Johnson Jr., Topeka; Joseph Walker, Topeka; J. B. Holland, Topeka; James C. Gatewood, Topeka; Samuel Ewing, Topeka; Al Rouse, Topeka; J. L. Evans, Pittsburg.

LOUISIANA: Herbert Davis, Scotlandville; August C. Terrence, Spiloresis; Horatio C. Thompson, Baton Rouge; W. J. F. Meredith, Scotlandville; Claude M. Dixon, Scotlandville.

MICHIGAN: J. A. Craigen, Detroit; Charles Eugene Beatty, Upsilanti; Richard L. King, Detroit; R. M. Van Dyne, Flint; Robert A. Goddu Jr., Detroit; George W. Cetheart, Detroit; T. A. Gurley, Detroit.

MASSACHUSETTS: Lucas N. Wendell, Cambridge.

MISSISSIPPI: Harold Jacobs, Jackson; B. Ellis Tellis, Jackson.

MISSOURI: A. N. Morris, St. Louis; R. C. Haskell, St. Louis; Horace P. Payne, St. Louis; El-

mer V. Mosee, St. Louis; Bryon Johnson, St. Louis; Thomas M. Williams, St. Louis; R. Clyde Minor, Jefferson City; Roy Kenner, St. Louis; Curtis Gordon, St. Louis; James E. Gleason, Webster Groves; Kenneth B. Billings, St. Louis; Charles E. Anderson, St. Louis; E. Hawkins Anderson, Independence; C. C. Damel, Jefferson City; C. Wesley Morgan, St. Louis; Lawrence P. Wilson, Columbia; Jerry B. White, Blackburn.

NEBRASKA: Hiram L. Pittman, Omaha; Lonnie B. Thomas, Lincoln; J. Dillard Crawford, Omaha; Orville Jones Jr., Omaha; John Adams, Omaha.

NEW YORK: I. Theodore Donaldson, New York city; Paul L. Crawford, New York city.

OHIO: Augustus G. Parker, Cleveland; Melvin Johnson, Wilberforce; E. H. Langrum, Cleveland; R. E. Clarke, Cincinnati; William S. Cooper, Cleveland; Lee E. Payne, Cincinnati.

OKLAHOMA: Jimmie Welch, Langston; Tollie T. Moore Sr., Tulsa; H. William McCrary, Langston; Phillip E. Gear, Oklahoma City; N. Webster Moore Jr., Bristow; Charles O. Stout, Sand Springs; Henry C. Whitlow, Tulsa; Harlist V. Gear 2d, Oklahoma City; Henry Butler, Oklahoma City.

PENNSYLVANIA: G. James Fleming, Philadelphia; Charles W. Dorsey, Philadelphia; James R. Hyde, Philadelphia.

TENNESSEE: Donald L. Hollowell, Jackson; William J. Gumpston, Nashville.

TEXAS: J. Leslie White, Longview; W. L. D. Johnson, Houston; James A. Stevens, Marshall; Oliver W. Crump, Marshall; B. H. Watson, Houston; Edgar Chardy, San Antonio.

VIRGINIA: Wilson A. Copeland, Ettrick; Simon T. Mitchell, Ettrick; Charles T. Beavers, Ettrick; William Thomas Carter, Ettrick.

WEST VIRGINIA: Gloster B. Current, Institute.



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## PHI BETA SIGMA FRAT TO MEET IN PHILLY IN '41

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TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 16—Breaking a long-standing precedent, Richard A. Billings, M. D., prominent young physician and surgeon of Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously elected national president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity during the final session of the 1940 Conclave held at Tuskegee Institute, December 27-30.

Dr. Billings, who succeeds Attorney George W. Lawrence of Chicago, Ill., has been a Sigma for the past eighteen years, during which time he devoted much of his time and energy to the various activities of the fraternity. He has served as president of four different chapters, and because of his outstanding contribution to the development and growth of Phi Beta Sigma, as regional vice-president of the Southern District, he was awarded the coveted "Distinguished Service Key," in 1935.

Dr. Billings is a graduate of Morris Brown college and the Howard University Medical School. He is the staff surgeon at the Harris Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.; national president of the Morris Brown college Alumni association and a trustee of Morris Brown college.

Other officers chosen were as follows: Felix J. Brown, M. D., Richmond, Va., national vice-president; Horace Johnson, Chicago, Ill., junior vice-president; Augustine A. Austin, secretary-treasurer, New York City; William C. Lester, Tuskegee Institute, editor of "The Crescent"; Lynwood Brown, Richmond, Va., director of Bigger and Better Business; James A. Jackson, New York City, commercial counselor.

The regional vice-presidents named at the Conclave were: C. P. Johnson, New York City, Eastern District; A. T. Weathers, Chicago, Ill., Northern District; Thomas J. Holley, San Antonio, Texas, Southwestern District; A. P. Mack, Tuskegee, Ala., Southern District; and Dewey Roberts, Knoxville, Tenn., Central District.

### Conclave Successful

The 1940 Conclave was very successful from every point of

view. The attendance was possibly the best and most representative in the history of the fraternity, in that, such a large number of chapters from all sections of the country sent delegates. Chapters represented were from the following states: Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, California, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Several important items of business were transacted with President Lawrence and Vice-President Price, presiding over all business sessions. Several outstanding speakers were presented, including Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. George W. Carver, noted scientist; Dr. J. E. Nicholson, head of the department of Religion, Taladega college; Mr. Dawson, outstanding artist from Chicago; and Dr. Monroe Work of Tuskegee Institute.

The local committees under the direction of A. P. Mack, Edmund H. Burke, and T. H. McCormick, who constituted the executive committee, left no stones unturned in preparing a well-balanced program for the Conclave. The delightful social affairs included: The Acquaintance Smoker, Pan-Hellenic Ball, Buffet Breakfast, At Home in Honor of Visiting Sigmas' Wives and Friends, Sight-seeing Tour, and Grand Sigma Ball.

Before adjournment, Attorney Lawrence presented to the body the president-elect, Dr. Billings, who in turn called to the platform all the newly elected officers. The invitation from the chapter in Philadelphia to serve as host to the 1941 Conclave was accepted, hence all Sigma men are looking forward to the "City of Brotherly Love" in 1941.

SCHOOL FARTERNITIES

Amsterdam News  
New York, N. Y.

## Greek Letter Delegates Encounter Discrimination

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., — Two parties of fraternity and sorority members attending conventions here this week were refused service at the Ford Harvey dining room in the Union Station early Sunday morning, Dec. 29, because of their color.

An investigation into the matter has been launched by Lowell Johnson, attorney for the Harvey system, following a conference held with him by a committee from the Greek letter organizations.

In one of the parties refused service were Dr. Charles H. Wesley, general president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and John Adams, member of the Nebraska legislature, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Following the Alpha Kappa Alpha formal dance and the Frogs' party early Sunday morning, a group consisting of Mr. Adams, Lydia S. Lewis, of Chicago, AKA, Miss Aleen Reed of Springfield, Mo., a Delta; Orville Jones, University of Nebraska, Kappa, and Dillard Crawford of Omaha, went to the Harvey dining room dressed in formal attire. They sat at a table near the rear of the room.

The head waitress and the manager asked them to move to the rear counter just outside the swinging door leading to the kitchen. They said that the Negro group could not be served at a table.

Mr. Adams and his party refused to move, insisting that they should be served anywhere in the dining room. They remained in the dining room an hour before leaving. As they left the Union Station they met Dr. Wesley's party of four and informed them of their experience. The Wesley party went into the dining room and likewise were refused service.

Reports of the discrimination were made to the three Greek letter organizations in session here and committees were appointed from each to confer with the officials of the Harvey System, 312 Commerce building Monday.

Another flurry of racial nature occurred dur...

hours of the conclave when police stopped two cars containing delegates and flashed their lights in the faces of the visitors demanding an identification of the women within who happened to be very fair. The incident which occurred on 18th street in the heart of the Negro district excited considerable indignation. Quick representations made to the police department by the coordinating committee and by Publisher C. A. Franklin of the Call, led to more civil conduct on the part of the police.



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## EDITORS' BREAKFAST AT TRI-CONVENTIONS



Editors in attendance at the Tri-Conventions, Kansas City, Mo., during the Christmas holidays were guests at breakfast at the cozy apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Girard Bryant, prominent educational and social leaders of the host city, Friday, December 27. More frequently read, after than read about, these scribes stole a bit of spotlight for themselves when the photographer caught them in an informal chat. Left to right, they are: Lewis O. Swingler, editor, Memphis World and the Alpha's official publication, the Sphinx; Girard Bryant, teacher in the Kansas City public schools and chairman of the Kappa Souvenir Brochure; Miss Lucille Bluford, managing editor of the Kansas City Call, and leading figure in the Bluford Vs. Missouri University Case; G. James Fleming, editor of the Kappa Journal, official publication of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and staff member of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Tribune; Mrs. Dowdal Davis, staff member of the Kansas City Call, and Miss Zarella R. Turner, of Houston, Texas, and Virginia State College, and editor of the Ivy Leaf, official publication of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Misses Bluford and Turner, and Mrs. Davis are graduates of Kansas University, holding both the A. B. Degree and Certificate of Journalism. Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Davis and Miss Turner hold Phi Beta Kappa keys for outstanding scholastic work.

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## Alpha Phi Alphas in Lawrence Lead All Frats in Scholarship

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LAWRENCE, Kas. — Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity had a scholarship average last year which was higher than any other social fraternities on the campus, white and colored. The 10 members on the campus last semester had an average rating of 1.77. This figure comes from giving three points for a grade of "A," two for "B," and one for "C." A grade of "D" does not give any points, and one point is deducted for "F." Richard Walker, of Hugoton, Kas.; Although the highest social so-Jack Williams of Ellsworth, Kas.; rorities, Phi Omega and Gamma Bennie Taylor of Oklahoma City; Phi Beta, had an average of 1.78, James Bond of Daytona Beach. Next to them was the Beta Thetas City; Chester Hynes, Herbert Pi fraternity with a rating of 1.73. Voorhies, Ted Harris, Altroy White, Lloyd Crouch, Elihu Moore, Wil- The men who comprised Upsilon chapter last year were Ralph Rod- liam Patrick Foster, Victor Travis, gers, president; Wendell Looney of Springfield, Mo.; Robert Clark of Topeka; Lorenzo Fuller of Stock- ton, Kas.; James Walker and

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## PRESENTING LAUREL WREATH

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The Kappa Alpha Psi Laurel Wreath, the highest honor that the fraternity bestows upon a member, was awarded this year to Lionel F. Artis, manager of the Indianapolis low-cost housing project. Polemarch James E. Scott is shown here presenting the wreath to Mr. Artis at the worship service Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

Robert Clark is president of the chapter this year. The other Negro social sororities and fraternities had the following averages: Kappa Alpha Psi, 1.45; Alpha Kappa Alpha, 1.53; Delta Sigma Theta, 1.30.

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Jack Williams was listed on the dean's honor roll for last semester.



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Kansas City, Mo.

# ALPHAS, KAPPAS AND A. K. A.'S CONCERNED WITH VITAL ISSUES CONFRONTING THE NEGRO TODAY

**Confabs, Held Simultaneously in Kansas City, Devote Less Time to Frivolities, More to Planning for Action**

By Lucile H. Bluford

JAN 3 - 1941

Great concern over the serious problems facing the Negro today and a deep interest in motivating a program to do something about them were manifest here this week by delegates and visitors attending the three Greek letter conventions in session at the Municipal auditorium.

The conventions of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities brought together more than 1,000 college men and women, among them some of the best minds in the country.

The social side of the conventions was secondary to the deliberations, discussions and decisions concerning the plight in which the Negro finds himself today.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, whose twenty-third annual Boule opened Friday morning, December 27, and ended Monday night, December 30, devoted the whole of Saturday to two panel discussions on the national projects sponsored by the sorority in the interest of the Negro masses.

The morning panel was devoted to the Mississippi health project, the afternoon panel to the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs.

## VOTE PROJECT SUPPORT

The A. K. A.'s voted to continue support of these two projects, appropriating \$2,500 to the health project and \$4,000 to the public affairs project for the year 1941.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which opened its twenty-eighth general convention Saturday morning, and ended Tuesday night,

## HOLD JOINT MEETING

At the joint public meeting held by all three organizations Sunday afternoon in the Music hall, the presidents of the three groups left off all talk of trivialities so often heard in convention public programs and dealt with major issues. Dynamic and forceful speakers, the three presidents talked about the thing uppermost in

the minds of all American Negroes: the integration of the Negro into all phases of democratic life.

Attorney James E. Scott, Kappa polemarch, discussed the problems of Negro labor. Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha, told how the women of her sorority are blazing a new trail to a higher standard of national health and culture for the Negro people.

Striking the most responsive note of the day, Dr. Charles H. Wesley, general president of Alpha Phi Alpha, dealt with the American democratic ideals, pointed out the flaws in our democratic system and gave suggestions for their remedy.

Contributions were made by all three groups to national organizations carrying on programs for the advancement of Negro people.

## Here From 40 States

Contests over elective offices, teas, receptions, parties and dances, while in evidence a-plenty, took second place in the minds of the delegates and visitors who assembled here from 40 states in the union.

No longer mere social organizations which exist to promote good fellowship among their members, Greek letter organizations—at least the three which have met in Kansas City this week—have assumed the responsibility of making the problems of the mass of Negroes their problems. They have endorsed the idea of service to the man farthest down in order to secure the position of the man highest up.

As a major project, Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors the "Guide Right" movement through which boys are directed into the training and work channels for the best suited.

## Alphas Teach Citizenship

The Alphas conduct a Citizenship drive in which they teach young people how to exercise their rights as citizens. Recent emphasis has been placed upon how to vote. In-

structions on voting are being given to the youth in the South so that they will be prepared to cast their ballots intelligently when polling places are opened to the disfranchised millions of Negroes—as opened they eventually must be.

The Alpha Kappa Alphas point with pride to the two national projects which it sponsors for the uplift of the Negro race.

The oldest of these, the Mississippi health project, has been undertaken for seven years and through these women who sacrifice their time and money during the month of July, the health of the Negro people in two counties in the Mississippi Delta has been improved to such an extent that the government and the national press have taken cognizance of the work they are doing.

Two years ago, Alpha Kappa Alpha established a non-partisan lobby on public affairs which maintains a lobbyist in Washington to observe and inform the sorority on legislation which affects the lives of Negro people.

## Purposes of Lobby

The lobby has a two-fold purpose: to see that the rights of Negroes are safeguarded in all legislation passed by congress and second, to see that the laws work for the Negro after they are put upon the statute books.

At the Kansas City conventions, the Alpha and Kappa fraternities were invited by Alpha Kappa Alpha to participate in the non-partisan lobby with a view to making the lobby an inter-Greek letter organizational affair.

It is maintained that the Negro cannot fight his battles on too many fronts. We need a watchdog at every corner. What one doesn't catch, the other will.

Never before have Greek letter men and women—as a group—been so interested about joining with community organizations working against unDemocratic tendencies in this country. Individual sorority and fraternity members have long been in the vanguard of such movements, but now the enthusiasm and foresight of the few are trickling down to embrace the thinking of the many.

Clem Busch and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Edwards and were dinner guests of the Scott family on Christmas day.

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Baxter Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carry Watson visited friends in Baxter Springs Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Martin accompanied by Mrs. Pearl Pillars of Baxter Springs motored to Galena Thursday and visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Estes and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Erma Woolridge and family.

Miss Erma Woolridge, teacher in the Oswego school, is spending the holidays at home with her mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Steward is spending the holidays in Kansas City with her daughter, Helen.

Rev. M. C. Knight, P. E., and wife of the Topeka district motored to Galena and visited Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Walker and Mrs. Bell Poindexter.

Miss Harriet Scott shopped in Joplin Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Dent were Galena visitors last Sunday and called to see Miss Bell Poindexter.

Those appearing on the Christmas program given at Mt. Zion Baptist church were: Miss Fannie Camp, V. Hardiman, Mrs. Vita Stevenson, Sam Alexander, Bobbie Landrum, Billy Hardiman, Ralph Woolridge, the Burnette sisters and Patty Lockhart. Sherman Woolridge Jr., Misses Georgia Mae Vernon and Francis Pruitt. Carols were sung by the choir, Miss Erma Woolridge pianist. Miss Imogene Camp had charge of the program.

Callers on Miss Poindexter were: Henry Burnette and sisters, and Rev. T. P. Hoard of Baxter Springs, Mrs. Susie Edwards, Mrs. Will McKay, Mary Majors, Miss Erma Woolridge, Mr. A. Craig and Rev. Walker.

Mrs. Juanita Reynolds of Jefferson City, Mo., is spending the holidays with parents. Mr. and Mrs. V. Hardiman and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards visited in Joplin Friday.

Mrs. A. C. Owens of Kansas City, spent Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Allen.

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Mt. Zion Baptist church Rev. John Weekley, minister. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Miss Imogene Camp, superintendent, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Watch meeting services Tuesday night.

Bethel A. M. E. church, Rev. T. P. Hoard, minister. Preaching at 3 p.m. Rev. Dent was a visitor last Sunday, Dec. 22 and gave the opening prayer. Rev. Walker assisted in lifting the offering.

Mrs. Lanora Lovejoy and daughters, Bernice and Colene, received word of the death of her brother, Russel Woodson of Parsons, Dec. 22. He was burned to death in his home. Funeral services were held last Friday at Parsons and the body was brought to Baxter Springs for burial.



# Los Angeles Sorors Name Mrs. Hill As 'The Outstanding Woman Of 1940'

JAN 18 1941

By BILLY "K.C." SMITH

LOS ANGELES — One of the West Coast's most prominent women, and without doubt the most powerful political figure of the Race in this section, was honored this week when the Los Angeles chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority announced the selection of Mrs. Betty Hill as "The Outstanding Woman of 1940."

The selection, which is made annually, is the highlight of the sorority's "Finer Womanhood Week." Its basis is the accomplishment of an outstanding piece of work in service to Negroes; or the achievement of some honor not usually won by the Race.

Nominations are made by community organizations and the final balloting is done by members of the sorority.

The Zeta selection of Mrs. Hill comes as another of the many honors accorded to the aggressive, race-minded leader. It is axiomatic here that when there is a particularly hard job to be done for the good of the race, it is Mrs. Hill who will be able to accomplish it—even after others have failed.

When informed of her selection by Dr. Lois Evans, dean of Zeta pledges, Mrs. Hill was deeply affected. Smiling she said: "I can't tell you how much this means to me. It is the first time our younger women have ever paid me so high a compliment." Mrs. Hill's eyes glinted with humor as she added: "Except when they wanted something."

This is the third successive year the sorority has sponsored the selection of an outstanding woman on the Pacific Coast.

Former honorees are Mrs. Bessie Burke, first Race school principal to be appointed here; and Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, militant publisher-editor of the California Eagle.

One of the reasons Mrs. Hill is both feared and courted by California political aspirants is that she controls one of the most unique and powerful organizations in the state, the Woman's Political Study clubs. This federation has 32 units in the

state with an active, year-around membership of 5,000.

Unassuming, modest of the many important contributions she has made to her race and to its advancement, Mrs. Hill lives with her husband, Staff Sergeant A. Hill, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, retired.

Mrs. Hill became nationally known last year when she was elected in a competitive primary here as a delegate to the National Republican convention, the first and only member of the Race west of the Rockies to be so honored.

Mrs. Hill was born and received her public school education there. She later attended Roger Williams university. For 11 years she was in charge of religious education at the Lincoln Memorial Congregational church, of which she is a member, and a former trustee.

Other of her civic activities include 20 years service on the board of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 17 of which were served as chairman. For 12 years Mrs. Hill has served on the board of management of the Y.W.C.A.

Typical of Mrs. Hill's unending fight for better conditions for her race is this: For 12 years the colored nurses at the General hospital had been subjected to raw discrimination. Efforts had been previously made by groups to alleviate the condition, but without success.

Then Mrs. Hill, backed by her clubs, entered the fray and within two weeks the condition had been corrected. The method used for that battle was simple but effective. Mrs. Hill simply summoned 36 taxpayers to her home and had Gordon L. McDonough, chairman of the county institutions, to meet with them.

In 1931 Mrs. Hill took up the battle against segregated swimming pools here—a battle which other Race organizations had failed to win. Mrs. Hill took the case into court, after her opponents had failed to shake her off by having had 25 continuances of the case, a favorable verdict was returned by Judge Walter S. Gates, who by that decision risked his political future.

However, since that time the Woman's Political Study clubs have seen to it that Judge Gates has been regularly re-elected.

Dr. Carl Dent, brilliant young

physician who is now superintendent of the Seventh Day Adventist hospital in Nashville, Tenn., is one of the many individuals whose battles Mrs. Hill has fought and won.

Dr. Dent, having finished at the White Memorial college here, wanted to interne at the county hospital, but despite having won sixteenth place in a test for the place in which 300 aspirants competed, he was refused.

Then Mrs. Hill went into action and shortly thereafter Dr. Dent entered the institution as an interne and was able to satisfactorily complete the two-year internship.

The history of the Study clubs is interesting. A firm believer in organization, and a deep student of political economy, Mrs. Hill called together 47 women in 1929.

This group was the first unit of the now famous organization. Since that time 32 such units have been formed in various counties of the state.

The organization is a member of the National Federation of American Republican Women's Convention (white) and it is the only Race body to have been admitted as a federation, which enables it to retain full control of its own potency.

The Study clubs hold an annual convention and prides itself that it is not controlled by any political party, and that it takes orders from no party.

Although seriously ill from overwork last fall, Mrs. Hill is again engaged in a few of her famous battles. Engaging her attention at the moment is a sharp contest with the City Council by which she hopes to wipe out the oral test as a part of civil service examinations.

Mrs. Hill believes that the oral test is the snag which has kept otherwise successful civil service aspirants of color from important appointments.

Leo Strickland, postmaster at Venice, Calif., also finds himself dueling with Mrs. Hill over his refusal to appoint Mrs. Essie Carson to a clerk's position, despite the fact that Mrs. Carson is No. 1 on the civil service list in that city.

Highlight of the Zeta's "Finer Womanhood Week" will be the banquet at the Avalon Christian church on February 24, at which public honor will be paid Mrs. Hill.



Mrs. Hill, left, is notified of her election as outstanding woman of 1940.



## Attend Sigma Convention In South

JAN 9 1941



The convention of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was held last week at Tuskegee Institute. Among those attending were: left to right, James A. Jackson, R. R. Taylor, former vice-president of Tuskegee Institute; A. A. Austin, secretary-treasurer; Dr. R. A. Billings, president-elect; George Washington Carver and his mascot, James McCornish, Jr.; George W. Lawrence, retiring president; and A. Langston Taylor, one of the founders of the Sigma Fraternity. E. R. Clemons, Nu Sigma Chapter, represented Philadelphia. The Sigmas meet in Philadelphia in 1941.

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## SCHOOL FRATERNITIES

Guardian  
Boston, Mass.

## SIGMAS BLAST

## U.S. JIM-CROW

JAN 2 1941

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Although “Bigger and Better” Business” was the central theme of the addresses and discussions at the 26th annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity here, members frequently digressed to register protests against the segregation and discrimination in the Army, Navy, Air Corps and defense industries.

James A. (Billboard) Jackson delivering the main address at Saturday night's banquet session said:

“At present, in common with all of the people of our group, Sigma members are concerned with the threat of war overhanging the country. And, like the others we are wondering how America is going to defend democracy for the world while at the same time preserving its most damnable contradictions for the United States.

“We are asked to tender our lives to the country, in fact, are being compelled to do so, without the privilege of selecting our branch of the service as are all other Americans; denied schooling in some branches for which we pay as definitely as do other payers; and with the humiliation of being expected to become servants to other soldiers, armed only with curry combs, dishrags, bale hooks and by using hand trucks instead of artillery, yet obliged to jeopardize, as do all other volunteers or draftees, exactly one life each.

“It is small wonder then that we should be holding conferences on National Defense, and marshalling every argument we can lay hands upon for the elimination of the MOCK from DEMOCRACY.”

Russell S. Gideon of Boston and National Director of the Bigger and Better Business Program for Sigma, presided at the banquet session.

### Resolutions

RESOLVED, that Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, unanimously voted to go on record as condemning the policy of certain firms engaged in filling contracts for the National Defense Program, of openly refusing to employ Colored employees:

That the exclusion policy of the Mar-

ine Corps and the limitations in the Navy be abolished and that the enlistment and recruiting of Colored men in the Navy and Marine Corps, with full opportunity to achieve all ranks and functions in all Branches and Services be instituted:

That the War Department immediately implement public law No. 18 of the 76th Congress and the statement of policy released by the White House as to the training of Colored military pilots.

The Plaindealer  
Kansas City, Kan.

## Omegas Present Award To General Davis

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (ANP)—The second annual achievement award of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity was presented to Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis at its conclave held here December 27-30.

The award, made each year to the Negro who has made the most outstanding achievement in a given field,

was presented to General Davis for outstanding achievement in national defense. The first award, given at the New York conclave last year, was made to Judge William H. Hastie, for outstanding achievement in the legal profession.

Since General Davis was unable to be present, his son, Captain Benjamin O. Davis, received the award for his father Sunday in the Fisk university chapel.

At the conclave the Omegas inaugurated the custom of having a yearly lecture series during the sessions. The lecturer this year, selected by a committee headed by Dr. Ira De A. Reid, of Atlanta university, was Dr. Allison Davis, eminent sociologist of Dillard University, now on leave, research specialist for the American Youth commission, and instructor at the University of Chicago.

Another feature of the conclave, which was opened to the public, was the panel discussion on the Negro and the national defense program. The panel was headed by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, administrative assistant, labor division, council on national defense. Other participants in the discussion were Judge William H. Hastie, civilian aide to the secretary of war, and Major Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to the director of the selective service system.

The award to the member contributing most to the fraternity during the year went to S. Herman High School, St. Louis, whose book “The History of Omega Psi Phi” was published in June, 1940.



# Sociologist Gives Inaugural Lecture

JAN 11 1941

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The inaugural address of the Omega Psi Phi lecture series voted an annual feature of the conclave program at the 1939 sessions and delivered here by Professor Allison Davis, eminent sociologist and lecturer at the University of Chicago, delved impersonally into the problem facing southern populations in the nation's far-reaching national defense program and emerged with the finding that a change in the standard of living is to be desired and that change "must be engineered through the vast resources and prestige of the federal government."

The lecture is designed to bring to the attention of the American public in December of each year, some aspect of American life that particularly concerns the Negro and lecturers are selected on the basis of their scholarly contributions to an understanding of this aspect of our culture, and without reference to fraternal affiliation, race or sex.

The 1940 lecture, which has been released by the fraternity in pamphlet form, is based upon data gathered in a social anthropological study in the lower South financed by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Rosenwald Fund.

## EXCELLENT WORK

A factual approach to the subject "Small Expectation: Adjustment to Economic Status in the Deep South," the 1940 lecture as treated by Mr. Davis observes:

"In the defense program, it is essential that the masses of Negroes and whites in the South shall have the physical strength and the morale to meet the terrific strain which our population undoubtedly faces . . . The great majority of the white and Negro populations must be assured adequate food, shelter, clothing and health. Since no region or cultural group can lift itself to a higher standard of living by hoisting at its own bootstraps, the federal government faces the immediate task of bringing aid to the vast underprivileged Negro and white populations. It must exert constant pressure upon the Southern political and economic leadership to permit the extension of this vital defense aid to the Negro, as well as to the white population."

"Without this federal aid, the majority of all people will remain half-fed, half-clothed and terribly wasted by disease."

## REVOLTING LIVES

Citing cases of interviews in Old

City, Miss., the speaker pictured living conditions among large families that are revolting to the most blasé human sensibilities.

A view of ownership of furniture, land, homes, and automobiles, adequate insurance, recreation facilities, medical attention, mortality rates and the necessary end—a funeral, provoked the observation: "People who cannot feed their children, nor care for their sick, who cannot pay for their education, nor even for their funerals—except in installments, are in no shape to survive the withering fire of total war."

"If those who preach the maintenance of the status quo in the South freeze the social and economic life of the South in its present form, neither Negroes nor whites will be in a position to withstand the blow torch testing of military and economic defense."

Chicago Defender  
Chicago, Illinois

# Logan Heads Alphas As Wesley Retires

JAN 11 1941

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (ANP) — Dr. Rayford W. Logan, professor of history at

Howard university, Washington, was elected president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, during the closing session of the twenty-eighth general convention, Wednesday, Jan. 1.

He succeeds Dr. Charles H. Wesley of Howard, who refused to be considered for another term after having served the fraternity as president for 11 years. The retiring president will retain his position as historian of the organization.

The incoming president as director of education, directed Alpha's aggressive educational campaign with the slogan, "A Voteless People Is a Hopeless People." He initiated the education for citizenship campaign following his election as director in St. Louis, Mo., in 1933.

Dr. Logan's successor as education head is Dr. H. Council Trenholm, president of Alabama State Teachers' college, and former southern vice-president of Alpha Phi Alpha

The new director of education is prominent in the field of education. He is secretary of the American Teachers' association, and holds numerous other positions of public nature.

Joseph H. B. Evans, Washington, general secretary for 1940-41, was re-elected.

Other Alpha officers elected were Atty. Bert McDonald, Los Angeles, western vice-president; John W. Fleming, Cincinnati, mid-western vice-president; Roger F. Gordon, New York, eastern vice-president; Ferdinand L. Rousseve, New Orleans, southern vice-president.

Dr. Farrow R. Allen, New York, general treasurer; Lewis O. Swingler, Memphis, editor of the Sphinx magazine; H. Council Trenholm, Alabama State college, Montgomery, director of education; Atty. Belford V. Lawson, general counsel.

Lay members of the executive council are: Edward Brooke, Washington; Andrew R. Tyler, New York and Thomas B. Kelley, Wilberforce university.

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sas university, Howard and Lincoln (Mo.) had charge of the program.

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Dr. Felton G. Clarke delivered the convention address.

The 1941 convention will be held in Louisville from December 28-31, with Alpha men of the four Kentucky chapters as host.

Chicago Bee  
Chicago, Illinois

## Our First Line Of Defense

JAN 19 1941

BUSINESS is the Negro's First Line of Defense" reads the slogan of stickers placed on Southside store windows by the Phi Beta Sigma Bigger and Better Business committee. The catchy slogan packs a good deal of truth, as is evidenced when one begins to analyze the significance of business on our social, civic and economic welfare.

Business provides jobs and jobs provide security. Therefore, it may be said that Negro business is our defense against insecurity, against poverty and against economic oppression. This may be illustrated by the fact that money spent with such businesses has a smaller radius within which it is circulated and it, therefore, remains for a longer time in the community and circulates among the people of that community.

There is a certain amount of pride that attaches to a person who is economically secure and with that pride comes confidence which, in a good many cases, begets a sort of self-satisfaction with one's self. This pride and satisfaction may be the offspring of efficient Negro business.

Of recent years in Chicago, Negro businesses have shown a degree of progress in certain instances without parallel. Business men no longer feel that colored people will trade with them simply because of the racial angle. They have entered into the swing of things. They are now engaged in a highly competitive activity and have proceeded to offer as good or better products than their white competitors. Emphasis has been placed on the services rendered, the quality of goods and reasonableness of the prices. These factors have been responsible for an awakening of interest on the part of the consumers in the Negro operated businesses. Educators, too, have become interested in developing better business as was evidenced by the conclusions reached by the presidents of the land grant colleges who convened here last summer. They recommended that business management and techniques be included in the curricula of their schools. They went on record as advocating courses in their colleges that make for efficiency and success in the organization and operation of Negro business.

Negro business may be among those factors that make for our first line of defense against poverty, insecurity and dependence.



## As Omega Psi Phi Delegates Met In Twenty-ninth Annual Session



Here is shown a part of the 357 delegates to the twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity which was held in Nashville last week. The picture was made in front of the Fisk University library. Z. Alexander Looby, Nashville attorney, was elected grand basileus to succeed Albert W. Dent, superintendent of Flint-Goodridge hospital, who ended his third year. The next conclave will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Daily World  
Atlanta, Georgia

## Atlanta Is No. One Sigma Man

Dr. R. A. Billings  
Elected to High  
Office at 'Skegee

JAN 1 1941.  
Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta physician, was elected national president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at Tuskegee, it was re-

vealed Tuesday. Dr. Billings, who heads the local chapter, succeeds George W. Lawrence, of Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Felix Brown, of Richmond, Va., was elected vice president.

Election of Dr. Billings and Brown was reported unanimous, there being no opponents to them for the posts.

William C. Lester, of Tuskegee, was elected editor of The Crescent, national Phi Beta Sigma publication. He succeeded Dean E. C. Mitchell of Morris Brown College, Atlanta.

Augustine Austin, of New York, retained his post as secretary-treasurer, while J. R. Brown, of Richmond, was named director of the Bigger and Better Business project of the fraternity.

The next annual meeting of the fraternity will be held in Philadelphia, Pa.

More than three hundred delegates attended the Tuskegee meeting. Most of them carried their

wives or sweethearts to the meeting it was reported. There was a round of social affairs attendant the convention, which was declared successful from every angle.

Other national officers elected were: Horace Johnson, Chicago, junior vice-president; A. P. Mack, Tuskegee, southern vice-president; A. T. Weathers, Chicago, northern vice-president; C. P. Johnson, New York City, eastern vice-president; Thomas L. Holley, San Antonio, southwestern vice-president.

Sigma men paid special tribute to Dr. Carver prior to election of officers, presenting him a show case for his museum and a book containing names of all Sigmas who attended the conclave.

Daily World  
Atlanta, Georgia  
**NAME LOGAN**

**PRESIDENT OF  
ALPHA PHI ALPHA**

By DOROTHY DAVIS  
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### STUDENT LOANS

The establishment of Student Loan Fund whereby financial aid to worthy but needy students can be offered was considered by the fraternity. While no definite action was taken on this recommendation, offered by the director of education, it is being studied for further consideration at the next convention.

Chapter housing was one of the major problems discussed. The or-



ganization went on record to consider a definite course of action in aiding chapters to finance houses. Students at Illinois University and Kansas University are being offered financial aid by the organization. The problems of chapter housing are still being considered, however, by the National Housing Commission, headed by Attorney Belford V. Lawson, as chairman.

For the first time in the history of the fraternity, an "Undergraduate Session" was held. Students of Kansas University, Howard and Lincoln, (Mo.) had charge of the program. Topics discussed were "The Problem of Housing" by William Foster, Kansas University; "The Problem of Rushing," Raymond A. Nero, Lincoln University; "The Problem of Scholarship," Chester Hynes, Kansas University; "The Problem of Inter-Fraternal Relations," Arthur E. Pullman, Jr., Kansas City.

#### MURRAY SPEAKS

Prof. Nathaniel A. Murray of Washington, D. C. one of the seven founders of the fraternity, delivered the founder's message. "Improving the Economic Status of the Negro," Saturday, December 28. Other special addresses were given by Dr. Roscoe Giles of Chicago, the fraternity address; and Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia, Pa., "What About National Preparedness for the Negro?" Dr. Giles is past president.

Dr. Felton G. Clark delivered the convention address.

In keeping with the theme of the tri-conventions, "Cooperation in the Heart of America," and exchange of greetings was made by representatives of the three societies in session. A committee of ten Kappa men visited the Alpha session and brought greetings from the grand chapter Tuesday, December 31. Earl B. Dickerson, alderman, Chicago, was speaker for the Kappa delegation. Earlier greetings had been extended by Mrs. Beulah Whitby of Detroit, representative of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

#### PROMINENT MEN PRESENT

Approximately 300 delegates and visitors were in attendance at the session, having come from every section of the country. The mid-western and eastern delegates arrived in Kansas City Friday morning on the Pan-Hellenic special. Among the delegates and visitors present were five college presidents, one judge and men prominent in

many fields of endeavor. College administrators included Dr. Henry Lake Dickason president of Bluefield State Teachers' College, and former president of the fraternity; Dr. H. Council Trenholm, president of Alabama State Teachers' College of Alabama State Teachers' College; Dr. Lamarr Harrison, president of Langston University; Felton G. Clark and Dr. L. M. Harris, president of Philander Smith College.

**pittsburgh Courier**  
pittsburgh, Pa.

## Three Conventions Have Significant Sessions In Kaysee

**Largest Annual Assemblage of Greeks In Negro Fraternal History Gather—More Than 1,000 Delegates Present.**

**JAN 11 1941**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. and Kas., Jan. 9—(By Isabel M. Tohfpeon)—Greater than the individual achievements of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha or Kappa Alpha Psi was the demonstration of cordial interfraternal relationship during the Tri-Conventions which met here for five days, with over 1,000 members in town for the meetings. For more than a year, the local chapters had been working and planning for this array of events.

And when the joint affairs were actually staged, members and the general public were all astounded by the spiritual joining of hands. Here was none of the petty bickering or bitter rivalry that the public has heard about so often.

Climax of the conventions—the joint public program, attended by more than 2,500 persons, Sunday afternoon, December 29, at the Music Hall. In the center of a background curtain, a magnificent coordinating emblem dominated the scene. The voice of James A. Jeffress (inventive genius who chairmanned the program committee) could be heard interpreting the theme, "Cooperation in the Heart of the Nation." As each organization's spokesman addressed the crowd, emphasis was placed upon the marvelous results to be obtained through united effort.

Titles of addresses: Kappa Alpha Psi Grand Polemarch James E. Scott, "Strengthening the Foundation for a More Complete Economic Freedom"; A. K. A. Supreme Basileus, Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, "Blazing a New Trail to High Standard of National Health and Culture"; Dr. Charles H. Wesley, general president of Alpha Phi Alpha, "Raising to New Heights an Appreciation for Our American Democracy." Battle cries delivered in these talks: Scott, "Raise the Negro to his rightful place among men!"; Ferebee, "Make America strong!"; Wesley, "Every body up—and nobody down!"

Invocation had been given by the Rev. D. A. Holmes of Paseo Baptist church; hymns of the three organizations, presentation of project tableaux, and group singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" led by Etta Moten completed this

thrilling program.

The night before, a formal Artists' Regatta had been presented to an enthusiastic audience in Edison Hall of the Kansas City Power and Light Building. Stars were Miss Doris Reita Novel, pianist, and Etta Moten, vocalist, for Alpha Kappa Alpha; Lorenzo Fuller, vocalist, and Nicholas Gerren, violinist, Alpha Phi Alpha; William Alfred Daugherty, violinist, and Sidney Lee Dawson, baritone, for Kappa Alpha Psi. Accompanists were Ethel Love and George Pierson.

The other joint event was the open dance Friday night in Municipal Auditorium arena. About four thousand attended. Directorates of the three Greek-letter groups sat in specially decorated boxes. Among features: rendition of fraternal hymns, a lighting display and history of the auditorium, with Kappa Alpha Psi Mid-western Regional Polemarch as master of ceremonies. . . . Giant illuminated sorority and fraternity pins were in evidence at each of these affairs.

Sessions and social events were held in the \$6,500,000 Municipal Auditorium with its 32 units affording a range of seating capacities from 25 to 14,000.

**Amsterdam News**  
New York, N. Y.

## SIGMA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

**Dr. R. A. Billings of Atlanta Chosen New President**

**JAN 11 1941**

TUSKEGEE, (ANP) — The Beta Sigma fraternity which held its annual conclave at Tuskegee institute, has announced the election of the following officers for the year 1941. National President Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta; vice-president, Felix Brown, Richmond, Va.; secretary-treasurer, A. A. Austin, New York City; editor of The Crescent, W. C. Lester, Tuskegee Institute; director of bigger and better business, L. W. Brown, Richmond, Va.; commercial counsellor, James A. Jackson, New York City.

Elected to serve as regional vice-president of the southern district was Arthur P. Mack of Tuskegee. Northern district regional director, A. T. Weathers of Chicago; southwestern district; T. L. Holley, San Antonio; eastern district, C. P. Johnson, New York City; central district regional director is Dewey Roberts of Richmond, Va.

T. S. Clemons, representative for Nu Sigma chapter, Philadelphia, made a stirring plea to the conclave to have his chapter as hosts for the 1941 meeting and won the bid.

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New York, N. Y.

## NEW YORKER HEADS KAPPA

WEST CHESTER, Pa. (ANP) —Phi Delta Kappa, National teachers sorority, which convened here Dec. 26-28, sought to map out a program whereby the national program "Better Health and Better Character" might be developed during the coming year. This program, they felt, could best be realized through the establishment of recreation rooms for convalescent and underprivileged children in all the cities where chapters are located, and through setting up and furnishing book corners in hospitals and public libraries for the especial use of underprivileged children.

**Roanoke, Va., World News**  
May 9, 1941

## Negro Fraternal Groups Will Hold Conventions Here

Registration will open here tonight for State and regional meetings of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, negro groups. All 200 delegates, some from as far as New York, are expected for the programs continuing through Sunday. Delegates to the State fraternity meeting will register at the William A. Hunton Branch Y. M. C. A. at 7 o'clock and sorority representatives from Virginia, North and South Carolina and Maryland will register at the same hour at the home of Dr. J. B. Claytor.

Mayor Walter W. Wood will welcome the groups at a joint meeting tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at Mt. Zion A. M. E. church. Miffin T. Gibbs, of New York, vice grand basil-eus, will have an active part in the program together with other prominent negroes.



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## OMEGA AWARD PRESENTED TO GENERAL DAVIS

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Highest Ranking Army Officer Cited for Achievement in 1940

NASHVILLE.—(ANP)—The second annual achievement award of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity was presented to Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis at its conclave held here December 27-30.

The award, made each year to the Negro who has made the most outstanding achievement in a given field, was presented to General Davis for outstanding achievement in national defense. The first award, given at the New York conclave last year, was made to Judge William H. Hastie, for outstanding achievement in the legal profession.

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Since General Davis was unable to be present, his son, Capt. Benjamin O. Davis, received the award for his father Sunday in the Fisk university chapel.

At the conclave the Omega's inaugurated the custom of having a yearly lecture series during the sessions. The lecturer this year, selected by a committee headed by Dr. Ira De A. Reid, of Atlanta university, was Dr. Allison Davis, eminent sociologist of Dillard university, now on leave, research specialist for the American Youth commission, and instructor at the University of Chicago.

### Negro and Defense Discussed

Another feature of the conclave, which was opened to the public, was the panel discussion on the Negro and the national defense program. The panel was headed by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, administrative assistant, labor division, council on national defense. Other participants in the discussion were Judge William H. Hastie, civilian aide to the secretary of war, and

Major Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to the director of the selective service system.

The award to the member contributing most to the fraternity Dreer, assistant principal of Sumner high school, St. Louis, whose book, "The History of Omega Psi Phi," was published in June, 1940.

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## CLOSE ANNUAL CONCLAVE AT KANSAS CITY

Girard T. Bryant Elected  
Grand Historian; Delmas Escoe to Post

JAN 10 1941

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity reelected James E. Scott of Washington as grand polemarch at the final session of the thirtieth annual conclave held in Kansas City last week.

Polemarch Scott, an attorney in Washington, was chosen to serve a third term.

Other officers elected at the final session Tuesday night, December 31, were:

Louie Orr, St. Louis, senior vice grand polemarch; Orville Jones University of Nebraska, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and seals; Donald L. Hollowell, Lane college, Jackson, Tenn. grand strategist; J. Delmas Escoe, University of Kansas, grand lieutenant strategist; Girard T. Bryant, Kansas City, grand historian.

### Board Members

In addition to the officers, members of the board of directors are Gloster Current, West Virginia State college; James Anderson, Wichita, and Victor Hickens Detroit.

Five past grand polemarchs attended the convention here: W. Ellis Stewart, Chicago; Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago; J. Jerome

Peters, Tuskegee; Theophilus Mann Chicago, and Archie Alexander, Des Moines.

Lionel F. Artis of Indianapolis received the Kappa Laurel Wreath, the highest award given by the fraternity.

### Keynote Speaker

Alderman Dickerson of Chicago was the keynote speaker at the Kappa banquet Monday night, his subject being, "The Challenge of Greek Letter Fraternities to America."

Wendell Lucas spoke on "The Greek Letter Fraternity and the Undergraduate." Polemarch Scott delivered a banquet address on "Greek Letter Fraternities in the National Crisis." A glee club made up of students from the University of Kansas and Lincoln university sang for the banquet with Sidney Dawson of K. U. as the soloist. Recordings of their songs were made and will be distributed among the Kappa men.

Two symposiums were held during the Kappa sessions, one on the subject, "The Fraternity Man's Place in New World Affairs," was held by Girard T. Bryant with Raygan, former Alpha Phi director of East St. Louis and Edgar G. Wesley, president, for 11 years. Vi Brown of Washington as partially interested in national problems, Logan authored the much-discussed "New Deal Survey," which appeared in the Sphinx, official publication of the fraternity.

Achievement cup awards were given to Alpha Mu chapter in Jefferson City, Mo., class A; Alpha Lambda chapter, Orangeburg, S. C., class C.

Cited for outstanding individual achievement was Joseph Dunning of California, who has received a degree in aeronautical engineering and has been employed with the Douglas Aircraft company.

Grand Polemarch Scott delivered a radio broadcast Saturday afternoon over station WDAF.

Pittsburgh Courier  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

## '41 Sessions Set For Louisville

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Howard University History Professor Is Also Chairman of Committee For Participation of Negroes In National Defense.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. and Kas., Jan. 9—(By Isabel M. Thompson)—Newly-elected general president of Alpha Phi Alpha, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Howard university history professor, is also chairman of The Courier's National Com-

mission for the participation of Negroes in national defense. Elected at the 28th annual convention held here, Dec. 27 through 31, Dr. Logan, former Alpha Phi director of East St. Louis and Edgar G. Wesley, president, for 11 years. Vi Brown of Washington as partially interested in national problems, Logan authored the much-discussed "New Deal Survey," which appeared in the Sphinx, official publication of the fraternity.

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One of the most interesting sessions—conducted by undergraduates—set a precedent for the fraternity. Participants and subjects on the panel: William Foster, University of Kansas, "Problem of Housing"; Raymond A. Nero, Lincoln university (Jefferson City), "Problem of Beta Psi chapter in London, now a professor at Rushing"; Chester Hynes, U. of Kansas, "Prob-lem of Scholarship"; Fred Williams, Lincoln university, "Interfraternal Relations." Discussion leader was Arthur E. Pullam, Lincoln university, professor at LeMoyne college.

The Founders' Address was given by Prof. Nathaniel A. Murray, Washington, D. C. (Murray is one of the seven jewels or founders). . . . Ferdinand Rousseve, southern vice-president, New Orleans; John Fleming, midwestern vice-president, Cincinnati; Bert A. McDonald, western vice-president, Los Angeles; Joseph H. B. Evans, . . . The closing address was given by Atty. general secretary, Washington; Dr. Farrow Allen, Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia. The treasurer, New York; Lewis O. Swingler, Sphinx subject, "What About National Preparedness for the Negro?" Banquet toastmaster was Burt A. Mayberry, Kansas City, Mo.

"The Negro in the National Defense Program" was the theme of a panel discussion, led by Dr. W. Brooke, Washington; Thomas B. Kelly, Wil-Howard H. Long, Saturday night. Discussants: S. S. Booker, Youngstown, Ohio; Matthew E. Carroll, Jr., K. C., Mo.; Harold Haynes, Wash-ington; T. Arnold Hill, Washington; Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Washington; Atty. William H. Towers, Louisville, Ky., where the general convention will be in K. C., Kans.

Other achievements of the convention: Student Loan Fund established; substantial gifts made to national welfare groups; continuance of established scholarships and fellowships. Decisions: to publish THE SPHINX, official magazine, eight times each year; to offer financial



## 26th Annual Convention Adopts "Bigger and Better Negro Business" Slogan at Tuskegee—Firms Who Hold Defense Contracts and Refuse to Employ Race Workmen Also Condemned.

JAN 11 1941

TUSKEGEE, Jan. 2—(ANP)—"Bigger and Better Negro Business," slogan of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, was the spearhead in discussions at the 26th annual conclave which ended here Monday. The conclave also passed resolutions condemning firms that refuse to employ Negroes although holding national defense contracts and asked for Negroes in the navy, marine and air force along with a proportionate employment of Negro nurses.

In words of welcome, as the conference started Friday, Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, reminded the delegates that "for more than a decade all of our fraternities have been placing less emphasis upon social features and directing more of their attention to programs which better help to integrate the upsurge of trained Negro youth into the economic structure of the country."

George W. Lawrence, Chicago attorney and national president of Sigma, said that "we have come to this institution founded by the immortal Booker T. Washington to record our progress, observe trends and affecting our race and to outline a program for a bigger and better Sigma."

In reviewing some of the achievements of Sigma men, the president said: "We have had two presidents of the National Bar Association out of seven fraternity men. We have several members on the national board of the NAACP, Dr. Nicholson and Dr. Taggart of Birmingham, are two of them; Chiles of Cincinnati, Smith of Indianapolis, Smith of Kansas City, rank in YMCA circles. Taggart of Birmingham has been the chairman of the board of the national dental organization for many years and still is. Keyes is a moving spirit in the National Negro congress. Holsey is secretary of the National Negro Insurance Association. Your president was one of the presidents of the National Bar Association for two years, serving as secretary six years and is now vice-chairman of the executive committee. Stradford of Chicago, was the other Sigma man that headed the National Bar Association. And he is the Negro authority on labor unions. In military affairs, we point to General Warfield, Captain Watts and Capt. James W. Johnson, the latter a former national president."

"Every fraternity has a slogan and a program, I am not ashamed of the work done by our department fostering bigger and better business. The founder and first director, James A. Jackson, is still authentic Negro business so recognized by the Standard

Oil company. Gideon, his protege, ranks with young business leaders.

The members of Phi Beta Sigma have organized more than 50 per cent of all of the Negro chambers of commerce in this country, and today Chicago is literally plastered with signs 'this store is fair to Negro Business,' 'Business is the Negro's First Line of Defense,' 'Patronize this store the Bigger and Better Committee of the Chicago Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity'."

New York, N. Y.

## Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Re-elects James E. Scott Polemarch 2nd Time

JAN 11 1941

KANSAS CITY, Mo., (ANP).—Atty. James E. Scott, of Washington, grand polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, was elected to serve his third term at the 30th annual Kappa conclave held here last week. With more than 200 members of the fraternity present to enjoy the unbounded hospitality with which Kansas City greeted its guests, the Kappas, the Alphas and the AKA's, verbal expressions indicated the belief that this was one of the best conventions the fraternity has ever held.

Kappa men were particularly active in the arrangements for the entertainment of the three Greek letter societies which held their national meetings here this Christmas time, and which all of the visitors voted as unsurpassed in their convention experience. The huge Kansas City Municipal auditorium, with its perfect appointments for large meetings, was turned over to the Greeks for the week. Alpha Kappa Alpha occupied the fourth floor, while Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi shared the fifth floor.

Lionel F. Artis, of Indianapolis, where he is manager of excellently conducted low-cost housing project in that city, was the recipient of the Kappa laurel wreath this year. The presentation of the laurel wreath, the highest award in the fraternity, was made by Grand polemarch James E. Scott. Looking on were two former recipients of the award, Judge Armand Scott of Washington and Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, of Chicago, as were four past grand polemarchs; W. Ellis Stewart, Earl B. Dickerson and Theophilus Mann, of Chicago, and J. Jerome Peters, of Tuskegee.

Atty. Scott was re-elected Kappa polemarch for his third term at the final session of the conclave Tuesday night, Dec. 31. Other officers elected were Louie Orr, St. Louis, senior vice grand polemarch; Orville Jones, University of Nebraska, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer; Don L. Hollowell, Lane college, Jackson, Tenn., grand strategist; Thomas Escoe, University of

Kansas, grand lieutenant strategist; Girard T. Bryant, Kansas City, grand historian. G. James Fleming, managing editor of the Philadelphia Tribune, is editor of The Journal, official organ of the fraternity. Members of the board of directors in addition to the officers, are Gloster Current, West Virginia State college; James Anderson, Wichita; and Victor Hickens, Detroit.

Greensboro, N. C., News  
May 4, 1941

## TRENT TO ADDRESS NEGRO FRATERNITY

### Omega Psi Phi Closes Three-Day Meet Today.

E. Kermit Hightower, local attorney and basileus of Tau Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, was elected district representative at a special business session of sixth district conference held at A. and T. college late yesterday. Approximately 100 delegates representing 10 chapters in North and South Carolina districts were on hand.

The conference opened Friday night and continued yesterday with panel discussions centered about the theme "Civic Opportunities for Negroes in the Carolinas."

Other officers elected include Horace Woodland, Winston-Salem, president; John Brooks, of Johnson C. Smith university, Charlotte, secretary; Warmoth T. Gibbs, Jr., A. and T. college, assistant secretary, and A. L. Terrell, Winston-Salem, treasurer.

Participating in the panels were Frederick S. Weaver, Washington, editor of the Oracle; Clarence Yoke, High Point; Hightower; Dr. W. L. T. Miller, local dentist; Reginald Harris, A. and T. college; P. D. Mitchell, Burlington, and Dr. O. J. Chapman, A. and T. college.



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Greensboro, N. C., Record  
April 29, 1941

# Negro Leaders Gather Friday

## Two States Will Send Fraternity Delegates

Negro leaders of Greensboro and Guilford county will be hosts next Friday through Sunday to bi-state convention of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, national college fraternity, representing over 200 chapters and thousands of college and college graduate members.

The meeting will be held at A. and T. college. Harry K. Parker is general chairman of the conference. Tau Omega, the local graduate chapter and Mu Psi, A. and T. college chapter of the organization, will entertain over 200 delegates from the sixth district, covering North Carolina and South Carolina. The officers and members of the local graduate chapter include many negro leaders of this section, including Attorney E. Kermit Hightower, basileus; L. H. McLaurin, vice basileus; M. M. Daniels, keeper of records and seals; Dr. W. L. T. Miller, keeper of finance; Ernest McCoy, keeper of peace; H. K. Parker, chapter editor; Reginald Harris, chaplain; and Dr. J. L. Alexander, garland bass; Dr. O. J. Chapman, of A. and T. college; Waldo Falkener.

The bi-state conclave, theme of which is "Civic Opportunities for Negroes In the Carolinas," will feature a full and elaborate program of social events, which will open Friday afternoon and a reception to visiting delegates at Morrison hall at the A. and T. college campus, followed by a formal prom presented by the A. and T. chapter at the college gymnasium. The graduate chapter will entertain with a formal dawn dance at the Windsor community center at 12:01 o'clock Saturday morning, followed by a closed breakfast dance. Saturday at 9 a. m. the pledge club, junior members of the fraternity, will present its annual breakfast dance at the college gym. Saturday evening the graduate chapter will present a smoker at the country lodge of Dr. C. C. Stewart, climaxed by a tea to be held by the women's auxiliary of the organization Sunday at 6 p. m., at the Windsor center. In charge of the social activities committee is Ernest McCoy, A. and T. college graduate.

Mayor Huger S. King will make an address of welcome at the opening public meeting Friday at A. and T. college at 8 p. m.

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## SCHOOL FRATERNITIES

# Philosophy Of Negro Business

## Theme Of Sigma Speaker

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Accompanying Dr. Nicholson, throughout life, whether we know who received a fine ovation for his it or not, the professor said, and, practical college man's address, quite early, we ought to realize were A. C. Murdaugh, chairman of these inevitable business relation- the 1941 observance of National ships and prepare ourselves to Better Business Week here, and cope with them—not only in a Dr. R. A. Billings, national presi- satisfactory manner—but, most of dent of the Phi Beta Sigma fra- all, in the SOUNDEST way pos- ternity. **APR 20 1941**

In observance of their annual National Better Business Week, during which Negroes are made "business conscious", the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity presented for its 1941 speaker the well known Dr. Joseph W. Nicholson, professor of Business Administration at Talladega college. The Alabama professor was heard at Morehouse and Morris Brown chapel periods the past Thursday morning and at worship hour-Friday morning at Clark College. **APR 20 1941**

For his address, Dr. Nicholson chose the subject, "A Philosophy of Negro Business".

In developing his subject, the professor asserted that:

(1) Business concerns all areas of life; (2) Business concerns us all whether we know it or not; (3) Negro business becomes real in proportion as we, as individuals, become active or a part of business; and (4) Insurance as protection, security, and investment is the best way that individuals may actively participate in business. This is true in light of the present economic status of the Negro.

Like such a concept as "Morehouse spirit", "Morris Brown spirit", or "Clark spirit", explained Dr. Nicholson, mass Negro business must become a concept based on the actual fact of general racial cooperation and success along economic lines. As things now stand, the business is with and within the individuals, it was stated. **APR 20 1941**

Still, all of us are in business

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## GUIDE RIGHT SYMPOSIUM BY LOCAL KAPPAS

**APR 25 1941**  
Kappas Concentrate on Vo-  
cational Guidance  
April 18-25

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Special)—Local Kappas are completing week of Guide Right concentra- tion, April 18-25, which is part of the annual movement observed throughout the United States by members of the Kappa Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Purpose of the project is to give high school boys vocational and professional guidance in selecting life work.

The Kansas City Alumni chapter has invited graduates of Lincoln, Sumner, Northeast, R. T. Coles, Young school, Western Seminary and Western university high schools to a moving picture and symposium concerning choice of vocations on Friday, April 13, at the Paseo Y. M. C. A. Earl D. Thomas, principal of R. T. Coles school was one of the principal speakers. This program was planned to fit into the national defense picture for America's youth.

Advisers in each of the local high and junior high schools have hand-

ed out letters and Guide Right questionnaires. The Guide Right committee hopes to receive and analyze at least 500 blanks. Each of the boys contacted is invited to the special meeting on vocations. A follow-up program has been established to enable the young men to receive council throughout the year. Counselors are located in both cities, and include school principals, vocational specialists, morticians, professional men, business men and civil service employees. **APR 25 1941**

The Paseo Y. M. C. A. was the scene of a banquet for senior boys on Friday, April 25. Between the vocational meeting and the banquet boys will contact specialists in the field of their choosing. Kenneth Hill and Harold Robbins are in charge of contacts in Kansas City, Kas., Luke Ponder and G. T. Bryant in Kansas City, Mo. Andrew Hawkins making contacts in Independence, and Lucius Monroe, at Western U.

Atty. R. J. Reynolds, national chairman of the Guide Right commission then launched the Guide Right program with a radio address Sunday, April 20, at 8:30 a.m. on the "Wings Over Jordan" program heard in Kansas City over station K M B C. He set forth the accomplishments and objectives of the program and urge full community participation. Atty. Reynolds' office in Topeka is filled with facts about Negro youth assembled by the commission over a period of four years.

Local churches assisted in launching the program by reading proclamations on Sunday, April 13. School principals and vocational advisers are giving full cooperation in putting over the Guide Right program.

# Alphas To Launch 2

## Educational Drive On

APR 26 1941

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(SNS)—The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will conduct its twenty-first observance of Education-For-Citizenship Week through its 116 chapters beginning Sunday, April 27th and extending through Sunday, May 4th.

This program was first conducted as a Go-To- High School, Go-To- College Campaign in June 1921 under the stimulation of a Commission on Graduate Work and Public Affairs created at Chicago in December 1919 with Messrs. Roscoe C. Giles, Ormand A. Foote, F. H. Miller, Charles H. Garvin and S. S. Booker serving as the first members of the commission.

The position of director of education was created in 1927 and has been filled by Messrs. Raymond W. Cannon (1927-31), Mathew E. Carroll (1931-33) and Rayford W. Logan (1933-40) prior to the election of President H. Council Trenholm of Alabama State Teachers College to that office in December 1940. **APR 26 1941**

In 1933, the program was expanded to include an emphasis upon education for citizenship. In that same year, the Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation was established to administer the Scholarships and fellowships which are awarded annually by the Fraternity to stimulate scholarship and productive research.

As in previous years, the programs will be projected as the local chapters deem most advisable. Increasing emphasis is being placed upon the constructive approach to some community problems and to the development of a civic mindedness on the part of Negro citizens with the insistence both that Negroes register and vote and that they aggressively utilize their opportunities to make constructive contributions to the wider obligations of citizenship in our American democracy. **APR 26 1941**

A series of challenging meetings and conferences in high schools,

colleges and communities have been planned for the week's observance by the various chapters of this oldest Greek-Letter collegiate fraternity of Negro College Men.



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FRATERNITY

Franklin Gayles  
To them and to the Alpha Phi Alpha  
fraternity, the Chicago Defender ex-  
tends its felicitations.

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Sun.  
The undergraduate chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at Illinois university made history last week when officials of the institution presented members of this fraternity with the highly prized trophy for scholarship.

The award was made because of the 58 Greek letter fraternities on the Illinois campus, the Alphas maintained the highest scholarship average. It is the first time that a Negro fraternity has won such a distinction. For many years Negro fraternities were denied official recognition by the officials of white colleges and universities. The reason most commonly advanced was their inability to meet the scholastic requirements that would entitle them to the recognition sought by them.

The situation is changing. It is changing because of the emphasis placed by those fraternities themselves on higher grade of academic performance by their members than had been required in the past. This is encouraging, for many people unfamiliar with the history and rituals of college fraternities had come to regard them as unnecessary evils, as groups of students who banded themselves into a mystic society where the emphasis was on good clothes, bad gin and scandalous behavior.

That the undergraduate chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at Illinois should be the first to lead its members into a more rigorous disciplining of their intellectual powers, is worthy of public notice.

Observe well that the award was not made on the basis of racial identity. It was made on the basis of scholarship. The students who made it possible for this signal honor to be conferred on their fraternity are:

Cary B. Lewis  
Robert Claybrooks  
James Seaberry  
Christopher Howard  
Edward Gayles  
Bill Brown  
Emmett Simms  
Richard Alexander  
C. H. Bowman  
Bill Rhodes  
Charles McGee

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## ZETA PHI BETAS IN RICHMOND



Reception committee of the 21st Annual Boule of Zeta Phi Beta sorority which was held in Richmond, Va. Holding the Zeta emblem is the grand basileus, Soror Blanche J. Thompson of Chicago, Ill. The sorority, which became incorporated in 1940, made definite plans for a permanent national project as well as for a national finer womanhood celebration called the Attorney Violette N. Anderson Memorial Week in February.

Charter members of the Alpha Xi Zeta chapter are Florence Sorrell, basileus, Tuskegee institute; Zenobia Smith, grammateus, Tuskegee institute; Eunice Dent, tami-oches, Columbus, Ga., and Fannie Campbell, Opelika, Ala.

## First Chapter Zetas Organized In Alabama

FEB 1 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 30—The freshments were served the Zeta Alpha Xi Zeta graduate chapter colors, blue and white, were carried out in the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was organized at the home of Soror Native Sorrell, Basileus of the newly organized chapter.

The initiation and installation of the new members was done by National Officers of the Zeta Beta Sorority, Sorors Almeda Ford, Southeastern Regional Director, and Fannie C. Clay, First Anti-Basileus, both from Knoxville, Tenn. This is the first Zeta chapter to be organized in the state of Alabama.

## Form Graduate Sorority Chapter

FEB 1 1941

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—The Alpha Xi Zeta graduate chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority was organized Saturday at the home of Florence Sorrell, basileus of the newly organized chapter.

The initiation and installation of the new members was done by national officers of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, Almeda Ford, southeastern regional director, and Fannie C. Clay, first anti-basileus both from Knoxville, Tenn. This is the first Zeta chapter to be organized in Alabama.



March 16, 1941

## ***Delta Sigma Theta Working on Annual Jabberwack Show***

Members of Delta Sigma Theta, prominent Knoxville Negro sorority, are hard at work preparing, arranging and casting for their annual "Jabberwack" variety show, which will be presented March 28 at 8 p. m. in the Lyric Theater.

The annual stage show, being presented this year for the fourth annual time, will be given for the purpose of raising funds to sponsor a tuition scholarship for some worthy woman student in the Knoxville College Junior Class.

Ten local Negro clubs are taking part in the show by entering special acts, and the directing board of Delta Sigma Theta is selecting the best actors and specialty numbers to be featured in the stage presentation.

Admission prices for the show will be 50, 35, 25 and 15 cents, with a special section being reserved for white patrons.

Members of the TVA Players and the Junior League Players and other experienced directors have been asked to serve on the judging committee for the show, since several prizes have been obtained for winning entrants.

Delta Sigma Theta is a national collegiate sorority and has received high praise from local officials for its civic and community work in Knoxville.

The Mile of Dimes was sponsored by the group one day last year, marking the first time a Negro group has undertaken this project here.

Advance tickets for the show may be obtained at Clark and Jones or at Todd and Armistead.



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# SORORITY INCREASES FUNDS TO SUPPORT TWO NATIONAL PROJECTS FOR NEGRO RACE

**Mississippi Work Gets \$2,500 for 1941; Non-  
Partisan Public Affairs Council  
Appropriate \$4,000**

JAN 3 - 1941

After appropriating \$6,500 to carry on its two national projects, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority ended its twenty-third and greatest boule of all time Monday night, December 30.

The boule came to an end in the cafeteria of the Sumner high school where the annual banquet and installation of officers for the year 1941 were held.

## New Officers

Only six new officers were elected, the terms of the majority of the officers, elected for two years, not expiring until next year.

The newly elected officers are: Beulah Whitby, Detroit, first vice president, reelected; Rosetta Nolan, Kansas City, second vice president, succeeding Viola L. Chaplain; Marguerite Adams, Charlotte, N. C., South Atlantic regional director; Manila Hickman, Tulsa, Midwestern regional director; Juanita Davis, Great Lakes regional director; Blanche Patterson, St. Louis, Central regional director.

The officers were installed by L. Pearl Mitchell of Cleveland, one of the oldest members of the boule in point of service. Mrs. Dorothy H. Davis of Kansas City, Kas., a member of one of the hostess chapters, was mistress of ceremonies.

The highlight of the Alpha Kappa Alpha convention was the discussion of the two national projects: the Mississippi health project which has been conducted for the last seven years and the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs maintained in Washington for the last two years.

## Volunteer Work

Working on a volunteer basis,

members of the sorority each July go into the heart of the Mississippi delta taking medical supplies and spend a month giving treatment to underprivileged Negro people. The sorority voted this year \$2,500 to carry on the work of this project in 1941.

To the Non-Partisan Council project, the boule voted \$4,000 to carry on its program for the next year. This project, founded by Norma Boyd of Washington, D. C.; has a two fold purpose: to lobby for legislation beneficial to the Negro race and to see that the laws actually work to the advantage of the race after they are put on the books. The sorority's lobbyist last year was Thomasina Johnson of Boston who spent most of the year in Washington. Last year's appropriation was \$1,000.

In view of the increasing control of the government over the private lives of citizens, the sorority felt it all important now in this critical time to maintain an active lobby in Washington.

Also included in the budget is \$100 for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Other officers who will serve during 1941 are:

Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia, founder and honorary basileus; Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, Washington, supreme basileus; Irma F. Clarke, Chicago, recording secretary; Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia, treasurer; Edna Over Gray, Baltimore, assistant treasurer; Trussie Smothers, Kansas City, corresponding secretary; Zatlilla R. R. Turner, Petersburg, Va., editor of the Ivy Leaf, official organ; Laura Fife Lovelace, Frankfort, Ky., parliamentarian.

An invitation will be extended to the Alpha and Kappa fraternities and all other Greek letter organizations to participate in the

lobby project. In response to this invitation, both fraternities in session here appointed committees to investigate the possibilities of such a cooperative effort.

Fraternal greetings were brought to the A.K.A. sessions by Joseph H. B. Evans, Henry Allen Boyd, H. Council Trenholm and R. W. Cannon, Minneapolis, representing Alpha Phi Alpha and by Judge Armond W. Scott, for Kappa Alpha Psi.

Mrs. Beulah Whitby and Mrs. Hazel Mountain Walker took Alpha Kappa Alpha greetings to the two fraternities.

At the opening session, greetings were brought over the public address system from the mayors of Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kas., from Roy J. Barker, president of the Negro Chamber of Commerce; Milton Bledsoe, president of the Wyandotte Chamber of Commerce.

A panel discussion was held Saturday morning on the health project with the following participants: Dr. Mary C. Wright, dentist from Boston; Ruth Scott, Philadelphia; Ella V. Payne, Washington; Marian Carter, St. Louis and Wilhelmina Crosson, interlocutor; Mrs. Estella Massey Riddle summarized the discussion.

The afternoon session Saturday was devoted to a panel discussion of the Lobby project with Pauline Redmond of the NYA in Washington presiding. Participants were Thomasina Johnson, the lobbyist; Norma Boyd, director of the project; Louise J. MacDonald of New York; Frances Williams, National Defense commission, Washington; Beulah Whitby, Detroit; Jeanetta Welch and Byrd Jackson, Kansas City, Kas.

An open forum on "Alpha Kappa Alpha's Future" was held Monday morning with Rosetta E. Nolan, Kansas City; Cleo Tucker, St. Louis; Louise T. Clarke, Kansas City, Kas.; and Viola Chaplain of Helena, S. C., as participants and Marjorie Lawson of Washington as summarizer.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha open house was held Sunday afternoon following the joint public meeting. The closed formal was held Saturday night and the banquet Monday night at the Sumner high school.

The 1941 convention will be held in Philadelphia.

Addresses were heard Monday by Edgar G. Brown, president of the United Government Employees, Washington, who spoke on the importance of maintaining a lobby in Washington; and Miss Esther Cooper of Birmingham, administrative

## SCHOOL SORORITIES

secretary of the Southern Youth Congress, who spoke in behalf of the Congress' Right to Vote Campaign.

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Kansas City, Mo.

## Alpha Kappa Alpha Directory

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### NATIONAL OFFICERS

Honorary basileus, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia; Supreme basileus, Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, Washington; first anti-basileus, Beulah T. Whitby, Detroit; second anti-basileus, Viola L. Chaplain; St. Helena, S. C.; Supreme grammateus, Irma F. Clarke, Chicago; supreme tamiochus, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia; supreme epistoleus, Trussie Smothers, Kansas City; editor-in-chief, the Ivy Leaf, Zatlilla R. Turner, Petersburg, Va.; parliamentarian, Laura T. Fife, Cincinnati; undergraduate representative, Mary Agnes Miller, Detroit; anti-tamiochus, Edna Overgray; anti-grammateus, Frances Bouyer.

### REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Mary C. Wright, North Atlantic; Audrey E. Moseley, South Atlantic; Irene A. Graves, Great Lakes; Arlene J. Washington, Central; Rosetta E. Nolan, midwestern; Maude E. Brown, southeastern; Olivette J. Morgan, South Central; Essie L. Tucker, far western.

### HEALTH PROJECT STAFF.

Ida L. Jackson, founder; Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, medical director; Mary E. Williams, public health director; Margaret Davis Bowen, clinical assistant; Anna L. Porter, interviewer; Marjorie H. Parker, clinical assistant; Bessie E. Lee, graduate nurse; Sallie L. Cullars, graduate nurse.

### NON-PARTISAN COUNCIL.

Norma E. Boyd, director; Thomasina W. Johnson, secretary.

Chicago Defender  
Chicago, Illinois  
Race Sorors

Admitted To  
Panhellenic

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EVANSTON, Ill.—The Panhellenic council of Northwestern university voted unanimously to recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority

Monday, January 9, when the matter was placed before the council by Mary Ellen Sams, member.

There were many opinions that racial prejudice was the factor previously in keeping the Negro Greek letter organizations from becoming members of the council. The non-admittance was regrettable to the Race "Greeks," as Pan-Hellenic members were extended choice privileges on the campus.

Miss Sams commented on that point by saying, "Discussions of the problem was delayed not by prejudice but by the fact that the proposal failed to be discussed at the last meeting. Yesterday, however, Panhellenic unanimously voted to recognize the group."

Alpha Kappa Alpha members, of which there are nine active on the campus, and five pledges, sent a letter requesting admission to the council at the beginning of the semester. Eunice Randall is head of the group, although it is not at present set up as a new chapter.



Kansas City Call  
Kansas City, Mo.

# Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs Keep Eye on Law-Making

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In 1938 the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs was inaugurated by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for the purpose of making the sorority more aware of other social needs among Negroes and to activate that awareness by helping the Negro achieve a fuller participation in all phases of American democracy.

The project was first started by Xi Omega, the graduate chapter in Washington, after Soror Norma E. Boyd presented the idea to a group of A.K.A. women assembled at Howard university to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the sorority.

## Adopted Nationally

In December of 1938 the project was adopted as a national project by the Boule assembled in Detroit, Mich. One thousand dollars was appropriated for its support. At the Boston Boule another \$1,000 was appropriated for the project.

The steering committee for the project first began working in behalf of under-privileged groups on unemployment, educational and labor fronts. William P. Robinson a graduate of Howard university and a student of political science at Harvard university, was chosen as representative. In the fall of 1939 Mr. Robinson gave up this position to reenter school and after the Boston boule Soror Thomasina Walker Johnson of Boston, was selected a representative and went to Washington to take over the duties.

During the health panel, the speakers were: Dr. Mary C. Wright of Boston, Ruth Scott, Philadelphia; Ella V. Payne, Washington; Marian Carter, St. Louis and Wilhelmina Crosson, interlocutor. Estelle Massey Riddle of St. Louis, summarized the discussion. A total of \$2,500 was voted for the health work in Mississippi now in its seventh year.

## \$1,000 FOR LOBBYING

During the panel on the slightly controversial lobby project which last year maintained Miss Thomasina Johnson of Boston, in Washington, to watch and report upon legislation, particularly where it was inimical or of advantage to the race, where Pauline Redmond, Miss Johnson, the lobbyist, Norma Boyd of Washington, director of the project; Louise J. MacDonald of New York; Beulah Whitby of Detroit; Jeanetta Welch and Byrd Jackson of Kansas City, Kans.

The lobby group won \$4,000 for its budget this year, an increase of \$3,000 over last year.

Highlights of the meeting were the banquet held at the new Sumner High School, Kansas City,

Kans., Monday night and the Artists recital held Saturday night. AKA artists for the occasion were Etta Moten, mezzo-soprano and Doris Reita Novel, pianist; for Alpha Phi Alpha, Nicholas Gerrin, violinist and Lorenzo Fuller, bass; for Kappa, William Alfred Daugherty, violinist, and Sidney Dawson, basso. George Pierson and Ethel Love were the accompanists.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS

All of the national officers were present at the boule, those who

will serve next year being: Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, supreme basileus; Beulah Whitby, Detroit, first vice-president; Rosetta E. Nolan, Kansas City, second vice-president; Irma F. Clark, Chicago, secretary; Trussie Smothers, Kansas City, corresponding secretary; Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of Philadelphia, honorary president and treasurer; Edna Over Gray, assistant treasurer; Laura Fife Lovelace, Cincinnati, parliamentarian. Regional directors: Dr. Mary Wright, Boston, North Atlantic; Margurite Adams, Charlotte, N. C., South Atlantic; Manila Hickman, Tulsa, mid-western; Juanita Davis, Great Lakes; Blanche Patterson, St. Louis, Central; Essie L. Tucker, Santa Monica, Calif., Far Western and Olivette Jones Morgan, Galveston, South Central. The sorority will be entertained by the three chapters in Philadelphia in 1941.

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New York, N. Y.

# SORORITY HAS FULL MEETING

## Richest Greek Letter Organization's Boule Very Well Attended

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ANP)—More than 500 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, representing 25 states, were in attendance here at the organization's twenty-third annual boule from Dec. 27 through 30. Led by Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, prominent Washington physician, the women molded their public presentations and many of their social features with Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Psi Fraternities, which group also met here at the same time and in the same building.

## Votes \$6,500

The A.K.A.'s, said to be the wealthiest Greek letter organization within the race, voted \$6,500 for their two projects — the Mississippi Health program and the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs, the lobbying group supported at Washington.

The health project, now in its seventh year, is to get \$2,500. During a panel discussion on health, the speakers were Dr. Mary C. Wright, Boston; Ruth Scott, Philadelphia; Ella V. Payne, Washington; Marian Carter, St. Louis; Wilhelmina Crosson, interlocutor. Estelle Massey Riddle, of St. Louis, summarized the discussion.

The lobby group won an increase of \$3,000 over its last year's budget. This project last year maintained Thomasina Johnson, of Boston, in Washington to watch and report upon legislation particularly where it was inimical or of advantage to the Negro race. Among the sorors participating on the lobby panel where Mrs. Johnson, the lobbyist; Pauline Redmond of Chicago; Norma Boyd, of Washington, director of the project; Louise J. McDonald, New York; Beulah Whitby, of Detroit; Jeanetta Welch and Byrd Jackson of this city.

## Boule Highlights

The sorority's banquet as held last Monday night at the new Sumner High School in Kansas City, Kans., and was attended by 425 sorors. At the artists' recital last Saturday night, the

A.K.A.'s who appeared were Etta Moten, mezzo soprano, and Doris Reita Novel, pianist; the Alpha Phi Alphas were Nicholas Gerrin, violinist, and Lorenzo Fuller, bass; the Kappa Alpha Psi participants were William Alfred Daugherty, violinist, Sidney Dawson, basso. George Pierson and Ethel Love were the accompanists.

## On to Philadelphia

The three chapters in Philadelphia will entertain the sorority next December.

All the national officers of A.K.A. were present at the boule. Those who will serve this year are as follows: Dr. Ferebee, supreme basileus; Beulah Whitby, Detroit, first anti-basileus; Rosetta E. Nolan, Kansas City, second anti-basileus; Irma F. Clarke, Chicago, grammateus; Trussie Smothers, Kansas City, epistoleus; Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, of Philadelphia, honorary president and tamiouchos; Edna Over Gray, assistant tamiouchos; Laura Fife Lovelace, Cincinnati, hodegos. The regional directors are Dr. Mary Wright, Boston; North Atlantic; Margurite Adams, Charlotte, N. C., South Atlantic; Manila Hickman, Tulsa, Okla., Mid-Western; Juanita Davis, Great Lakes; Blanche Patterson, St. Louis, Central; Essie L. Tucker, Santa Monica, Calif., Far Western; Olivette Jones Morgan, Galveston, Texas, South Central.

# AKA's Establish Record; Vote \$6,500 to Projects

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., (ANP)—More than 500 members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority registered during the 23rd annual boule, held at the municipal auditorium here Christmas week, to roll up what is perhaps the largest attendance record any feminine Greek letter organization of color has ever enjoyed.

Led by Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee of Washington, grand basileus, the women came from 25 states, molding their public presentations and many of their so-

cial features with their brother Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities who met in the same city, at the same time and in the same building.

The meetings were held in the magnificent \$6,000,000 municipal auditorium where ample and luxurious offices were assigned to each of the conventions on different floors. The dances, open and closed; the public meeting which was a combined affair with the heads of all three organizations speaking, were each centered in the same huge structure.

## PROJECTS CONTINUED

The Alpha Kappa Alpha meeting beginning on Friday, December 27, ended with the annual banquet, Monday night, December 30. The panel discussions, revolving around the two national projects being conducted by the sorority, the Mississippi Health project and the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs, the lobbying group supported at Washington, were held on Saturday. Both ventures were continued, the AKA's who are the wealthiest Greek letter organization within the race, voting \$6,500 for the two projects.



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St. Louis, Missouri

# Courage Of Group Told By Leader

**Have Seen 15,000  
Persons At Miss.  
Health Clinic**

Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee of Washington, D. C., Supreme Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority delivered the Founder's Day address to the local sorors at Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church Sunday afternoon before a capacity audience.

On the program were Mrs. Cleo Tucker basileus of the Gamma Omega Chapter, Miss Blanche Patterson, regional director, and Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle who introduced the speaker. Mrs. Mary Broussard was soloist.

## Recites Sorority's Aims

Dr. Ferebee in an interesting manner told of the way the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has achieved its three objectives, scholastic attainment, cultural development and raising of the social status of the Negro since its organization in 1905. The first decade found the group devoting primary attention to the intellectual qualities and then in the second decade turned more toward cultural achievements. It was not these two phases but to the present tendency of the oldest Negro women's college Greek letter group that Dr. Ferebee dealt with in her enlightening address, a turn to interest in the social welfare of their race. The Mississippi Health Clinic, a project started by the group in 1934 which has since accomplished national recognition and the more recent establishment of a lobbyist at Washington, D. C. to observe and check legislator effecting the Negro were the topics with which she dealt.

## Opened New Avenue

Dr. Ferebee gave a dramatic story of how Ida Jackson of Los Angeles, while Supreme Basileus

of the organization in 1934, heard give their time and help to aid of the plight of unfortunate children. To the planters it was an dren of the deep south from a object lesson that Negroes are group of school singers from interested in each other for they Lexington, Miss., who visited believed the educated Negro Los Angeles. She interested the severs himself from the ignorant sorority in an educational pro-Negro. It has led to inter-racial ject and a group of women went cooperation. FEB 14 1941  
to the backwoods section in 1934. The project of the lobbyist at to teach the illiterates, but found Washington developed from the when they got there that it was idea that the only way for a medical attention more than large section to receive the bene- anything that they needed. Then its of national progress was thru followed the next year the launch- social legislation. Thus to have ing of the health clinic. a person at Washington as a

Dr. Ferebee traced the diffi- culties which the group faced from suspicious and questioning county authorities and planters and how, after getting consent of the officials, they were required to visit 29 plantations with the county health supervisor and explain their project to the planters before they were able to start after six or seven months. Then they were allowed to conduct their work only under the watchful eyes of the riders or plantation bosses. She told how they had to make improvised but successful clinics for their work in weatherbeaten churches and how at first the plantation workers were afraid of them in their white uniforms.

## Carry New Hope To South

Each year they carried on their work, each year with added advancements. The project now has received the full cooperation of the Mississippi white leaders and is proclaimed by the county health authority in which it is located as the greatest volunteer health project that has ever been brought to the South. Where the county health office only had three nurses who gave no help to the project when it first started, now it has ten nurses all of whom are assigned to the project each Summer, and now followup the cases of the clinic. Forty volunteers have served over the six years of the clinic during which about 15,000 people have been seen by the clinic received inoculations against deadly diseases, examinations and health instructions.

It has brought a new message of hope and a new vision to the Negroes in the backwoods of the South that their more fortunate educated people were willing to

more boules until the summer of 1942 in Los Angeles, Calif. Next Christmas a board meeting in St. Louis, Mo., will be deemed sufficient.

Newly elected officers for Sigma Gamma Rho are Bertha Black, re-elected grand basileus for seventh consecutive year. Beulah Palmer, first Anti-basileus; Ethel Smith, grand grammateus; Edith Binn, anti-grand grammateus; Hattie Radford, grand tamiochus; Ruby G. Peake, grand syntaktes; Edna Browne, Northeastern syntaktes; Ernestine Steele, Central syntaktes; Leslie Taylor, Southeastern syntaktes; Mary Scales Carter, Southwestern syntaktes; Callie Pride, epistoleus; Ruth Whitehead Whaley, parliamentarian; Delight Hinton, editor-in-Chief of Aurora; Helen Brooks, assistant editor; Catherine W. Williams, recorder of deeds; Altha Mae Caldwell, chairman of board of directors.

Members of the board of directors are Ruby Wise, Lucy Brooks Bernice Norwood, Esther Robinson, Althea Cavanaugh, Portia Bullock, Carribel Plummer, Lytia Yarborough, Leslie Crossland, Clara Wand.

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# SIGMA GAMMA RHO CONVENES

**Achievement Award to  
Bertha M. Black,  
Grand Basileus**

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.— Chi Sigma Chapter was hostess to the fifteenth annual boule of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority at Smithfield Court Auditorium, 150 Eighth Av., North, from December 27 through 30. Sixty-five delegates were present.

Through the recommendation of the executive board and on acceptance of the general body, Eva Jessye, nationally known choir director and composer, was granted honorary membership in the sorority.

## Makes Awards

Bertha M. Black, grand basileus, was awarded the Blanche Edwards Achievement Award for 1940, the highest honor of Sigma. The 1939 Cup of Achievement was awarded Zeta Sigma Chapter of St. Louis. At this boule Zeta Sigma relinquished the cup to Alpha Omicron, the campus chapter at Le Moyne College in Memphis.

The sorority will hold ne



# Jeannett Welch Makes Fine Talk On Discrimination

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 22—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority appears before Sub-Committee on Appropriations protesting the discriminatory tactics of industrialists who have received contracts amounting to billions of dollars

from the government in the form of defense jobs and yet, despite the prohibition of discrimination in federal, state and clause in the National Defense Act, local offices have consistently refused to hire Negroes.

Miss Jeanette H. Welch of Detroit, National Representative of the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, made the following speech:

I am appearing this morning for and on behalf of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the National Council of Negro Women to call the attention of this committee to certain matters of importance in connection with the National Defense Training Program now conducted under the United States Office of Education.

Under the original act approximately sixty million dollars was appropriated to be used for defense training. The essential purpose of this act was to make available to industries engaged in National Defense an immediate supply of workers whose skills had been refreshed, and a labor reservoir of persons in skilled occupations incident to these industries. Because of the national emergency, and a need for utilizing all available workers, the Congress very wisely set up certain safeguards to assure full participation of all citizens as set forth in Section 305 of the regulations, governing the education and training of defense workers, as follows: "Prohibition of Discrimination. No trainees under plans approved under the Act shall be discriminated against because of sex, race or color; and where separate schools are required by law for separate population groups, to the extent needed for trainees of each such group, equitable provision shall be made for facilities and training of like quality."

In appearing here this morning it is our purpose to indicate that contrary to the safeguards set up by Congress to assure such full participation, thousands of protests have been filed with the organizations I represent, indicating that one section of the population of this country is restricted in its effort to contribute to the national defense.

This restriction involves first, limitations on complete participation in training programs for which these funds were appropriated and consequently on placement of those who have been trained.

ed with the responsibility of carrying it out.

In view of the thousands of protests filed with the organizations I represent, not to mention numerous other organizations which have received similar protests, and because of the gravity of the present situation, unless the Congress takes definite action the purposes for

which it is appropriating money to assure a full national defense will be defeated.

America cannot continue this narrow-minded exclusion of some of its citizens and expect their continued support. This is not a campaign to protect and secure training and employment for one section of the population but one which will save the lives and properties of all American citizens regardless of color or creed.

Such practices as restricting one section of the population from full participation in the national defense program are extremely wasteful of our human resources and prevent a total effort for national unity.



JEANETTE WELCH